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Every congregation considering participation in the Every Member Visit plan of the Department of Stewardship is offered an opportunity to review that plan by studying the filmstrip, "Thy Kingdom Come." The opening frames are shown above. It is being made available to all congregations, without special charge, through circuit Stewardship secretaries. All congregational boards are invited to have it shown to them as soon as possible to permit entering the EMV training program in September

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Fresh Air

In the fine motion picture, "A Man Called Peter," a U.S. senator tells Dr. Peter Marshall that his sermons make the senator feel like standing on a mountain top and shouting. Dr. Marshall tells him that the city of Washington, D.C., has both the hill and the opportunity for the senator to do his shouting. Later, this senator who had been sent to the capitol to "vote right" for certain interests, casts the deciding vote on a bill in the senate. He votes according to what he believes to be right for the people and not for the special interests. Thus, a U.S. senator is inspired by *preaching*, to act according to his convictions. He did his shouting from his mountain top.

Peter Marshall was pastor of a large Presbyterian church in Washington, D.C., "the church of the presidents," and shortly before his death became chaplain for the U.S. Senate. He was loved and respected by young and old, by "important" and by "ordinary" people. He brought a breath of fresh air to the city of Washington and to the old tradition-bound church which was poorly attended until Peter Marshall began his pastorate there.

This was in Washington, D.C. But it should and does happen on the prairies and hills, in the villages and towns all over America. It seems to me that a pastor who is a true warrior of the Cross should be as a breath of *fresh air* to his parishioners. He should indeed make them feel like standing on a mountain top shouting their Christian convictions to the world. He should make people see the mountains on which they can stand in their vocations and realize their opportunities for serving God in every honorable pursuit, from public office to the most menial of labor tasks.

Jesus himself must certainly have seemed like a breath of fresh air to those who became his disciples—fresh air as "a balm in Gilead." These disciples had been won from the stultifying, stupefying religion of the self-righteous Pharisees to the free, pure air of the Gospel. Christ's disciples had virtually been "blown" free by the fresh air which swept down from Galilee. They, who had been enslaved under the yoke of the Law, and therefore under Satan's yoke, were blown free by this fresh air so that they were no longer slaves, but heirs of heaven and sons of God.

As the north wind can blow down over the prairie to cool and relieve from the parching heat of noon-day, so Jesus swept into the parched lives of those who became his disciples.

Insofar as a pastor can in his sermons and ministration give the Lord Jesus from Galilee to the people, he will himself be as fresh air to his pa ishioners. He will be used by God make people want to climb the hig est mountains of their lives, up whe they can really feel the fresh air blo ing, and from there shout their Chr tian convictions to the world.

No man has ever been great eve moment of his life. Both David a Solomon, though they were both gre kings and men of God, lived too c ten and too long in the valleys at t bottom of their lives. But when G stood them on their mountains wi the fresh air blowing in their fac they were great and did great thing So is every man's life. No man is gre all of the time—not even most of t time. But when he stands on one his mountains shouting forth the go that God has put in him, he is in th moment great.

It seems to me that a God-pleasi ministry would be one which was large measure used by God to set pe ple on mountains, high up, where t fresh air makes them shout their b convictions, so that they become gre for a moment.

Progress Report

LUTHERAN REFUGEE SERVICE
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August 15-19, 1955

Assurances

To January 1	2,2
August 15-19	1
Total Assurances	4,3

Arrival of Refugees

To January 1	
August 15-19	
Total Refugees Arrived	1,4

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148 Men

TRAINED AND READY

Raymond M. Olson
Director of Stewardship

A major program in basic stewardship planning and adult education has been getting under way this summer. One hundred and forty-eight men have left their regular occupations and duties and have spent two concentrated days at Training Schools for the Every Member Visit program of the Department of Stewardship of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Their recruitment and training has been a stimulating experience.

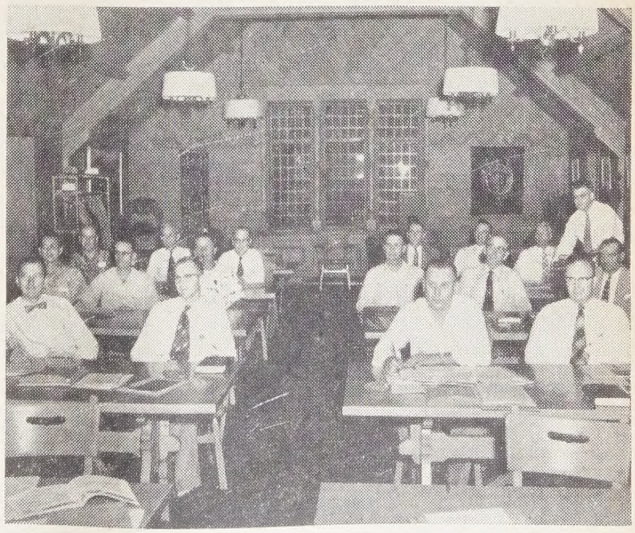
These men were invited by the Department of Stewardship to become Circuit Training Directors for the Every Member Visit. As such they were requested to attend a District Training School. They had been commended to the Department by responsible people in the circuits in which they live, as unusually qualified people, with genuine insights into the meaning of Christian stewardship and with a desire to share them with others. The willing response which came from these people was a constant source of wonder.

In the California and Pacific Districts the men who were invited were pastors who had demonstrated special ability as instructors and had rich insights into stewardship education. In all the other districts the men were distinguished and leading laymen, with one or two pastors who came to our assistance at a late hour. These laymen included farmers, bankers, businessmen, school superintendents, insurance and real estate men, doctors, lawyers, university and college professors. Their chief textbook was the *Every Member Visit Manual* prepared by the Department of Stewardship after considerable study of the materials of other Churches which had successful EMV programs, notably the American Baptist Convention.

Most of the members of the staff of the Department have participated in the instruction at these schools, although the primary assignments were given to Mr. Tillman Stevens and the Rev. O. A. Schmidt. Mr. Stevens, who has been given major responsibility for carrying out the entire program, was in charge of the schools at Green Lake, Wisconsin; Forest City, Iowa; Los Angeles, California; Parkland, Washington; Northfield, Minnesota; Huron, South Dakota; and Moorhead, Minnesota. Pastor Schmidt was in charge of the schools held at Minot, North Dakota; Great Falls, Montana; and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Pastor C. J. Grimstvedt was in charge of the school in New York, and, together with Mr. Raymond G. Johnson of Minneapolis and the writer, participated in some of the other instructional periods.

All the District Schools are now concluded. The next step, soon to be taken, will find each of these 148 men as instructors at schools in their respective circuits. The people attending will be the representatives from the congregations of the ELC who have indicated their desire to receive this assistance. Each congregation will be represented by its pastor and by the six members of the General Committee for the EMV in that congregation. The Circuit Schools will be conducted in four sessions, held two weeks apart. The calendar to be followed calls for these to be about two-hour periods, in the evening, on September 19, October 3, October 17, and October 31, unless the circuit should decide for good reasons to use other dates. The meeting place will be decided in each circuit, and each congregation will be

IT WAS A TRAINING SESSION



In this photo Mr. Tillman Stevens (standing, right, rear) is ready to project one of the training films used in preparing these men for their training assignment in their respective circuits in Southern Minnesota. Long days and attentive participants worked together to produce enthusiasm and readiness to be pioneers in the EMV plan of the Department of Stewardship.

THE MATERIALS WE USED

This is one of the frames from the filmstrip, "Thy Kingdom Come," which summarizes the main parts of the Every Member Visit plan. It was primarily prepared to present the plan to Boards of Trustees and Church Councils in order that they might get acquainted with the plan before making their decision to participate. This frame presents the main character around whom the story is presented.

informed of that meeting place by the Training Director or the Circuit Stewardship Secretary.

Every Member Visits Are Not New

It is no new idea to have an Every Member Visit in a congregation. There are many congregations in the ELC which have been having them regularly and which may have their own plans made for this fall. Some of these congregations have made it clear that they would appreciate some assistance in improving the program which they have used.

Much of the development in stewardship vision in our Church has come from congregations which have found, through a good Visits plan, that they had more money to put to work in a constructive Christian way. The fact that the Department of Stewardship comes with a specific EMV plan is a commendation of those congregations which have moved ahead in this program.

It has been our hope that the plan which is now presented to the Church would be used by some of the "old-timers" in the field as a means of bringing new insights and concrete guidance to their leaders and to those congregations. It has been our hope, also, that many of the plans which have been only partially successful might receive an overhauling through the carefully drawn procedures and instruction which are to be provided.

Certainly a major area of usefulness to the congregations, as we have thought about it, would be to those which have never had an Every Member Visit or have done so only on emergency occasions when the treasury was particularly empty. We have intended that our EMV plan would be counted a part of a positive an forward moving plan in such congregations, in whic they might enter into the joy of a much larger progra for Christ at home and abroad.

Benefits in the EMV

There are long lists of benefits in an Every Membe Visit program. Each congregation would be able t provide some of the special benefits which came to i One denominational leader said of the plan: "Its greate advantage is in the renewed interest of the people in th Church and the increased attendance at church servic which result."

Another described it like this: "As far as money is co cerned we can prove from the records that there is not single congregation which has followed all the steps the plan which has not had at least a 25% increase. Som congregations have shown as high as a 215% increase

The Reverend J. Ingvald Opsal of Our Saviour's Lu theran in Brooklyn, N. Y., where an Every Membe Visit plan almost exactly like our Department's pla was used last year, writes:

"After our first year in using the Every Member Ca vass Plan we have realized how important this is in th program of evangelism. The Every Member and Frien Canvass is one of the best opportunities in the who year to discover new families, new children for th church school, renewed interest in older members, an potential members for the congregation. Not only we the finances of the congregation strengthened and i

THEY LOOKED AT THEIR CHURCH

Many people from a congregation are called upon to have a pa in the Every Member Visit plan, not to make them weary but give the joy of developing a program for Christ. In the filmstr "Thy Kingdom Come," we have this scene where a group leaders in the congregation agree that God has a program their Church and they had better do something about it. T filmstrip is available through the Circuit Stewardship Secretary each circuit of the Church. It is intended to be used prior to t EMV program.

creased, but by following the complete outline of organization chairman, proposal chairman, evaluation chairman, publicity chairman, and advance pledge chairman, the entire program of the Church was strengthened, both at home and around the world. . . . When the financial program is undergirded with real vision the spiritual program will also have vision and will be strengthened in the witness which the Church has."

A good Every Member Visit, with its confronting of every member of a congregation with the importance of giving money to do Christ's work, is an important means of deepening Christian conviction in a congregation.

Such a program will very probably enlarge the work a congregation can do at home; it will develop more effective leadership; it will help the pastor in his work; it will increase support for missions, education, welfare, and all other phases of church work.

The Every Member Visit plan is being presented to help congregations, not primarily to provide support for the work of the ELC, important as that is. That support will be forthcoming, to be sure, but it will be the by-product of a development much closer to the life of the Christian stewards in the congregations.

This Every Member Visit plan is not to be limited to the fall of 1955. This marks the beginning of a program whereby the Department of Stewardship will continue to provide such instruction in good EMV procedures each year. Gradually, a corps of well-trained people will be spread throughout our congregations and local planning will take on a new hope and purpose.

SIXTEEN FROM SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

The Training School at St. Olaf College for the Southern Minnesota Training Directors was held July 16-17. It was a week-end school since these were laymen who were not in a position to leave their regular work during the week. The Department of Stewardship invited them on the basis of paying the costs of travel and their stay during the two days. Otherwise they made themselves available as a service to their Lord and His Church.

There Are Some Necessary Costs

Over the years it has been the normal procedure to have the operation of the Department of Stewardship provided for out of funds given to the work of The Evangelical Lutheran Church by its member congregations. The printed materials, many audio-visual materials, and personal assistance by men in the field have been provided without special charge.

The decision to provide the special service which is involved in the Every Member Visit brought a serious question as to how to finance it. The amount of the budget for the Department was already committed to the regular program. There was no money for the EMV within that budget. Since it clearly was a special service it was decided to go ahead with the plan and finance it by requesting payments by the congregations which use the service. The payment of large sums to professional fund-raising organizations had made clear to many congregations the fairness of such a policy of paying something for special service of this kind.

In previous announcements of our Every Member Visit plan it has been stated that each participating congregation would, therefore, be asked to pay to the Department of Stewardship an amount equal to at least 1½% of the increased giving which would result from using the plan. Any increased giving for benevolences was not to be included in computing the amount. The amount of the increase would be determined by comparing 1955 pledges with 1956 pledges or (where pledges were not used in 1955) comparing 1955 income with pledges for 1956.

This basis of determining the increase would permit many congregations to remit the determined amount to the Department of Stewardship as soon as the 1955 EMV is completed this fall and the pledges totaled, while others would find it necessary to wait until January 1, so as to compare 1955 income with the pledge total for 1956. In order to permit the Department to credit these remittances against the expenditures made previously, it is sincerely hoped that all will come in before the close of the ELC's fiscal year. Any possible return beyond the actual expenditures (if there be such) will be used in the further development of the program.

The costs for the Department, to be met in this way, come at the following points: The providing of all necessary materials to each participating congregation in the amounts required, without special charge; the travel costs for the men who attended the District Training Schools (these men are giving their time and effort to the program without special remuneration); the travel costs for the Circuit Stewardship Secretaries and Circuit Training Directors in presenting the program to the congregations and inviting their participation; and the office expenses involved in developing and organizing the program.

How Does a Congregation Participate?

Any congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church can receive this careful instruction and guidance in the Every Member Visit plan. The only exceptions will be in those circuits where it was not possible to recruit a person to be trained as Circuit Director, or to provide a Director from outside that circuit.

As this is written we have reports of many congregations across the Church who are going to "be along." Some of them are among the largest in the ELC and some of them are among the smaller. Some have had an EMV before, and many have not.

Any congregation which has been uncertain what to do may look into the matter more fully by having the pastor and some responsible leaders attend the first training session in the circuit, to learn more about the plan, without any obligation. The place and hour of that meeting can be learned from the Circuit Director or from the Circuit Stewardship Secretary.

Any congregation which is now ready to join the plan should:

(1) Have the official decision made by its responsible board.

(2) Inform the Department of Stewardship and the Circuit Director for the EMV so as to get preliminary materials. If time does not permit this, the pastor and General Committee should attend the first training session and get the materials following that.

(3) Following the advice given in the EMV *Manual* (a part of the materials) select the General Chairman for the EMV, the Proposal Chairman, Evaluation Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Advance Pledge Chairman, and Visits Chairman. These will compose the General Committee, together with the pastor.

(4) Have the pastor and General Committee attend the four training sessions.

Following the District Training Schools there were many comments on the part of the men who attended. Some of those comments came in letters to the Department and to the congregations in their circuit. Some of their comments are:

"Like many laymen of our Church I have felt that we were in need of an Every Member Visit program which was a tried program, an organized program, a program which would result in our members being more stewardship-minded. In the two days spent at St. Olaf College we had such a program presented to us. As the program outline grew and the methods and possibilities became more clear, our enthusiasm for the plan was very obvious" (E. D. Mosher, Wheaton, Minnesota).

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"I feel that by the grace of God, relying on the guidance of His Holy Spirit from beginning to end, this program can become a great blessing not only to each individual congregation, but also to our circuit as a whole, yes, to each one of us. There is no reason why w too, as we embark on this program, should not be ab to catch some of the vision that inspired those who co ceived this plan" (Andrew Hove, Elmore, Minnesota).

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"I am convinced that this program represents a lon step forward in our Stewardship Program. Here a some of the obvious advantages that I can see: (1) Th plan has been thoroughly tested in many types of co gregations and has been found to be practical and ver successful. (2) The program is organized so that th load does not fall on the pastor, but is well distribute among your laymen" (George E. Knudson, Decora Iowa).

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"Before attending the session I was not sold on th idea, as I thought professional fund raisers could do much better job than lay people or pastors. It still probable in my mind that they can raise a trifle mo money, because of their full-time meticulous watch ov the many details. But I am now convinced that our pr gram does a much better job of teaching stewardship.

"Money is acually of secondary importance. If in th process of this campaign we can teach stewardship, n congregation will ever have to worry about money. Th program further increases the responsibility of th church governing body. They will have a much more a tively participating congregation and will have to co centrate on 'how to use the money, time, and talents their people' not on 'how to get them.'" (Harold D Anderson, Madison, Wisconsin.)

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"I feel that this approach is good since it is based o proven practices. I like the emphasis away from self t the broad concept embodied in the service in the King dom. Christ Himself was cosmopolitan in His thinkin so if the Church is going to meet the challenge of th Twentieth Century, it is imperative that this perspe tive be projected to our people." (L. J. Totdahl, Crosb N. Dak.).

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"I believe it is the answer to the prayers of our pasto and laymen that the people of our Church might begi to live their faith by honoring Christ and living to th glory of God through the giving of time, talents, an treasure" (Walter Christensen, Mercer, N. Dak.).

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"This program has been needed by our Church fo some time and I believe that it will be a real blessin to us. Our membership will develop a renewed intere in the Church because: (1) a large percentage of ou members will help in the program; (2) the program the Church will be presented in an interesting wa (3) stewardship will have a new meaning for us (Leslie E. Meierding, Missoula, Montana).

Something About Finland

Fortnightly Review

Fredrik A. Schiotz
President of the ELC

July 18-27 the seventh annual meeting of the Commission on World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation was held at the Christian Laymen's Institute at Jarvenpaa, Finland, about twenty-five miles north of the capital city of Helsinki. One might identify the place further by saying that we were only five minutes' walk from the home of Jan Sibelius, Finland's renowned composer. I arrived in Jarvenpaa the evening before the morning when our meetings began, and left the morning after the evening when we adjourned, arriving in New York twelve days after I had left.

The earlier buildings of the Institute where we were guests burned down in World War II. Lutheran World Action funds were used to rebuild the headquarters building. This gift so stimulated the tired Finnish people that two more buildings were erected and a third one is under way this summer. In the headquarters building hangs a map carved out of wood, showing North America and Europe. The section assigned to the United States and Finland is of a darker wood, so that these two countries are immediately recognized. Over the eastern coast of the United States, faces turned toward Finland, are two angels poised in flight, bearing LWA gifts to Finland in offering plates clasped with two hands. Thus the Finnish people identify for further generations the gifts received from their American brethren; but in doing so remind themselves that God was the real donor.

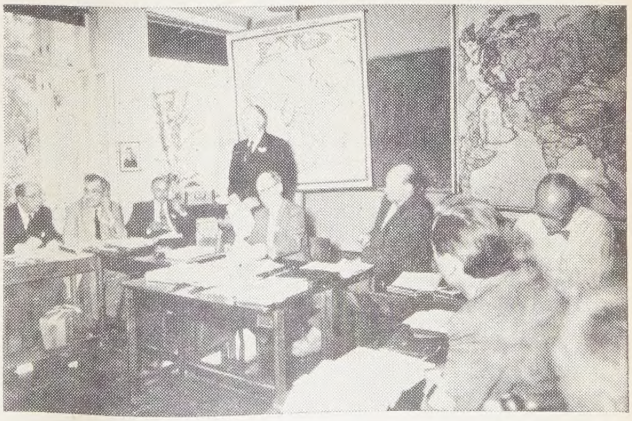
One evening during our sessions we interrupted our business for an informal evening of Sibelius' music and a talk by Bishop Ellis Gulin on the church life of Finland. He began by telling us that during his visit in the United States last year, he addressed a number of inquiries to Americans about Finland. These elicited little more than three facts: The Finnish people paid their war debts, they are the inventors of sauna (the Finnish bath), and Finland is the home of Sibelius. Bishop Gulin then proceeded to take us on a leisurely walk through Finnish national and church history.

There are probably few countries in the world where the Bible is loved and used as much as it is in Finland. The fact that their four revival movements have continued as such for over 100 years suggests that their vitality is rooted in the Word rather than in human emotions. Some of the summer outdoor meetings of these movements have gathered as many as twenty thousand people to hear the Gospel proclaimed.

Finland has a state Church, Lutheran in confession. The relationship with the state seems to be a freer one than in the other Scandinavian countries. Although

Dr. Rajah B. Manikam, bishop-elect of the Tamil Lutheran Church of South India, took part in the session. In the center, Dr. Schiotz; at right, Dr. Fridtjof Birkeli, executive director. (NLC News Photo)

"Coffee break" during the conference. Seated with Dr. Schiotz are Prof. Pinomaa of the University of Helsinki, and President Sihombing of the Theological Seminary of the Batak Christian Protestant Church of Indonesia.



A session of the conference. Left to right: Dr. Carl Lund-Quist, Geneva; Director Einar Amdahl, Stavanger, Norway; Dr. Heinrich Meyer, Hamburg, Germany; Dr. Earl Erb, New York; Dr. Schiotz, chairman; Dr. Fridjof Birkeli, Geneva; Dr. Arne Sovik, Geneva; Dr. Hans Bolewski, Geneva; and Director Rendtorff, Copenhagen, Denmark.

20% of the people are Communists politically, only a few have withdrawn membership from the Church. Few of the countries of Europe that have remained independent have suffered so much at the hands of the Communists. However, one senses little of fear of Communism among the Finns; but everywhere there is a posture of vigilance and alertness—with a confidence that is rooted in God. This confidence is reflected in the words that Bishop Gulin quoted from Finland's elderly President Paasikivi: "We have caused God so much trouble in the past, He will not desert us in the future."

I have used up my space without saying anything about the Commission on World Missions. Perhaps something can be said about that when I report on the All-African Conference that is to be held in East Africa in November. It may be enough now to say that God gave us a most fruitful meeting, testifying anew to the fact that people come and go, but the Kingdom's work goes on.

The Department of World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation, formerly supervised by the writer, has for a little over a year now been under the able direction of Dr. Fridtjov Birkeli.

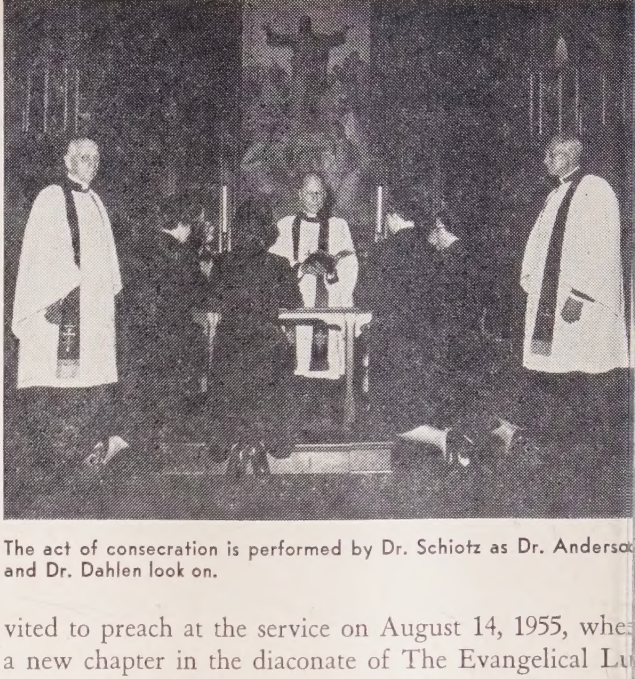
Deaconesses Consecrated

Shirley Barns

October 13, 1836, was a day of new beginning in the history of the Christian diaconate. On that day Pastor Theodore Fliedner of Kaiserswerth in Germany welcomed Gertrude Reichert, a young nurse, as the first of the thousands of deaconesses who were to serve in what we call the modern diaconate.

It was fitting that a pastor and theologian from the land of Fliedner and Gertrude Reichert should be invited to preach at the service on August 14, 1955, when a new chapter in the diaconate of The Evangelical Lutheran Church began. Dr. Kurt Dietrich Schmidt, professor of Church History at the University of Hamburg, Germany, brought the message to the four deaconess candidates, their relatives and friends, and the congregation of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis at the 10 o'clock service.

Sister Superior Marie Rorem pins the deaconess pin on the newly consecrated deaconesses. Left to right: Hulda Simenson, Lorraine Haugen, Ruth Harper, and Wanda Anderson.



The act of consecration is performed by Dr. Schiotz as Dr. Anderson and Dr. Dahlen look on.

Miss Wanda Anderson, Milan, Minnesota; Miss Ruth Harper, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Miss Lorraine Haugen, Barron, Wisconsin, and Miss Hulda Simenson, Wautoma, Wisconsin, were the first candidates to be consecrated under a new program of the diaconate put into effect by the General Convention in 1954. Dr. Martin Anderson, representing the Commission on the Diaconate, presented the candidates to Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church for the rite of consecration. Dr. Magnus Dahlen also assisted in the consecration service.

Deaconess Marie Rorem of Chicago presented each girl with the deaconess cross.

On August 12 the new deaconesses completed the final phase of their training at the Christian Service Institute held this summer at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. In eight weeks of concentrated study the candidates paid special attention to the books of Genesis and Romans and the history and doctrine of The Evangelical Lutheran Church; received an introduction to counseling; and spent two hours each week in parish and hospital visitation. The courses at the institute are given at the graduate level, presupposing that the students have completed work at the college and nursing schools of the Church, or at other institutions of equivalent grade.

In preparation for the service of consecration a ninth week was spent in a retreat, at the completion of which

Holy Communion service was celebrated in the Old Muskego Church on the campus at Luther Seminary.

In September Miss Anderson sails for Japan to serve on the foreign mission field. Miss Harper will begin work as a parish deaconess at First Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota. Miss Simenson will continue her work as the executive secretary of the Alumni Association of the Lutheran Bible Institute. Miss Haugen will enter a graduate course in nursing this fall.

In order to clarify the type of service into which these young women now enter, the Commission on the Diaconate has stated: "A deaconess is one, who, having recognized the call of God to full-time Christian service and having pursued the prescribed training courses, has voluntarily pledged herself in the Rite of Consecration to become a servant of the Church for 'so long as God shall give her grace to continue in this calling'."

The official uniform for the new deaconess is a navy blue tailored suit with the deaconess cross worn upon the lapel. The deaconess chooses her place of service as God leads her, and she receives a salary as do other women in the service of the Church. The fields of parish work, social work, church music, Christian education, missions, and nursing are open to the deaconess.

While the program of the diaconate has been changed to meet the needs of our time, the spirit of service remains the same. We pray for these young women that all of their work will be done in the spirit of Christ who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister," and that therein they will find joy.

The Honored Guest

"An honored Guest is in our midst today,"
I heard our earnest pastor solemnly say,
And I half-turned and glanced about to see
Who this important Visitor might be.
Then grieved that for one moment I forgot
That Jesus would be there, my face grew hot
With shame. My heart cried out in my distress,
"Forgive me, gracious Lord, whom I profess
To love and yet forget! How can I claim
Your grace, yet not remember Your dear Name
Is held in reverence here?" And then I heard
The pastor read from the Eternal Word
Of One who would not break the useless reed,
Nor quench the smoking flax. He knows my need
Of His compassion and His tender Hand
To guide me as His ward to Heaven's land!

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Home and Abroad

Harold B. Kildahl

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
September 11, 1955
Read Luke 4:23-30

The prophet sang, "He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." He was, but undoubtedly His greatest sorrow and His sternest grief arose from the treatment He received at the hands of those who knew Him best—His townsmen and friends. There He had lived as a child, and with many of those men gathered around Him, He grew up. No doubt He was well acquainted with some of those faces that now were staring at Him. In His own home town He was utterly rejected. His townspeople had heard of the mighty deeds He had done abroad. Now, before them He stood, a rather prosaic figure of a man lacking the glamor and the novelty that had heralded His return. They wanted a miracle man, not a preacher. They wanted a magician, not a poet.

Home and abroad—the contrasts are quite clear. While millions wait for the Gospel in foreign lands, while captive people of the world find their source of greatest strength in the Gospel, while missionaries labor in distant lands, here at home, on the prosaic front, so to speak, the Gospel message is taken in stride. People find the pulpit something to analyze, dissect, examine, criticize, something to take or leave as weather, climate, or season move them. It's a strange thing how familiarity often breeds contempt.

We ought to learn something from this. Whether long ago when prophets visited the grace of God upon those outside the favored few, or whether Christ offered His grace to the Syro-Phoenician woman or the Roman Centurion, finding faith where God had given it, or whether it be today, the simple fact is this: God blesses whom He will. Nor is it the fault of God if men fail to receive His blessings. Those men of Nazareth had every opportunity. They were well versed in Scripture. They knew the prophets. But they did not believe, nor did they perceive, that Christ was the Promised One of Israel. They in their blindness rejected Him. In similar blindness there are many in this day who have been brought up in the shadow of the church, who know the Gospel and its story of great love, who reject it by indifference, by lukewarmness, by disloyalty, by fraternizing with the world. Thus they reject the Son of God.

It is always so—romance, adventure, and the glamor of the faith accompany the work abroad, but strangely the prophet and the prophetic word are too often lacklustre familiarities at home.

What about your response? How do you receive Him? Is He truly your Prophet, Priest, and King, your Lord, your Life, your Way—your End?

Something About Heresy

To be sure, it is the recent trial of a rather young Lutheran pastor for heresy and his conviction by a court of the Church which occasions this editorial. However, it is not the fact of the heresy trial which especially concerns us. We have just two comments to make regarding that. The first is that we do not see how any person could receive fairer treatment than the young pastor who was on trial for heresy received at the hands of the committee of his fellow pastors. The administrative head of the group concerned said, "We are not trying a man, we are trying his beliefs." Throughout, the conduct of the trial was kept on a high plane.

Our other comment is to compliment the official organ of the body concerned, *The Lutheran,* on its handling of the matter. We have had a sad experience or two ourselves which makes us realize what a difficult position an editor finds himself in when an affair like this comes up in the body which he represents. Both in its editorial comment and in its presentation of the facts, *The Lutheran* showed a standard of religious journalism the rest of us may well emulate

However, as already remarked, it is not the trial which concerns us, but rather that which occasioned it. Here is a pastor of the Lutheran Church who is openly and avowedly guilty of abandoning fundamental principles of Scripture interpretation; denying the Virgin birth of our Lord; denying His physical resurrection; denying the Real Presence in the Sacrament; and denying the effectiveness of prayer. The strange thing is that, denying all those fundamentals, the pastor maintained that he had a perfect right to continue to be a Lutheran pastor.

Reaction to the heresy trial has been about as might be expected. We have noticed with interest several letters to the editor in the daily press which insist that such a trial means going back to Middle Age intolerance. Some of those letters were written by people who profess to be members of this or that Church. A publication like *The Christian Century* expressed a few sentiments which seem to indicate that it feels that anyone should have a right to remain in any Church, no matter how far his beliefs may deviate from those of the Church. All these things make it pertinent to think about the relation of a person's faith to his church affiliation. Anything that we may say is merely intensified when a pastor of the Church is involved.

In the eyes of the law, certainly a person may believe as he chooses, so long as the expression of his beliefs does not interefere with the well-being of his fellow man. No one will question that. For that reason, it is good American principle that no man shall be judged as a citizen by his religious beliefs.

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In relation to God, it is a matter between the indivic ual and the God to whom he is accountable for a things. It is quite impossible, of course, to judge a man heart. That, accordingly, is scarcely the sphere wher the questions arise.

When it comes to a person's relation to the Churc however, the situation is quite clear. Let us take th example of a pastor in any Lutheran Church. For in stance, when a man accepts ordination to the ministry o Jesus Christ within The Evangelical Lutheran Churc he takes a solemn vow "always to preach the Word o God in its purity, as found in the Prophetic and Apo tolic Writings, and as taught in the Confessions of th Lutheran Church." In some form or other, every Lu theran Church has such a vow which must be taker Certainly, it may be presumed that a man who take such a vow has attained spiritual maturity and statur such that he knows what he is doing.

To us the mystery is why a person shall insist on con tinuing in a relationship with his Church when he ha broken his vow of ordination. It seems to us that inte lectual honesty and integrity would compel him to re sign his post, demit his ministry, and find a spiritua haven in circumstances compatible with his new belief How a pastor can permit a thing like this to go to tria with the attendant heartache and bad publicity for th Church, we simply cannot understand.

As a matter of fact, it appears to us that it is not onl this pastor—now suspended, pending formal action b the synod to which he belongs—who is on trial. Fir of all, every Lutheran clergyman is on trial. We all nee to examine very carefully our relationship, as the yea go by, to the vow we took when we were ordained.

Secondly, it is the theological seminary from whic the man graduated which is on trial, and in general a our Lutheran seminaries and Lutheran theological pro fessors. There can be no doubt but that, fundamentall the man's heresy consisted in disobedience to the Wor of God as revealed in the Holy Bible. We do not se how any Lutheran theologian who is charged with trai ing the young men for the ministry can be other tha disturbed when the product of one of our Luthera seminaries shows such utter disregard for the Word o God as did this man. In brief, do the graduates fro the Lutheran seminaries of our land go into the mi istry thoroughly grounded in the Bible as the inerra Word of God?

Finally, in the largest sense, it is the Lutheran Churc which is on trial. Have we become, as some of ou

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nemies say, so complacent that we are lacking the fervor or the true faith which our fathers had? There are imes when one wonders if the present-day emphasis pon the machinery of church organization, as well as ll the other superficialities connected with the organized Church, may not be taking the place of "the one thing eedful."

It has become increasingly popular the past genera- ion to scoff at dogmatic truth. We have even heard hearty laugh or two at a pastoral conference when omeone used the Norwegian expression so dear to our athers, "den rene laere" (the pure doctrine). Even ranting that some Lutherans have at times been empted to substitute "theology by inference," heaping p a pile of dogmatic irrelevancies, for the revealed truth f God, let it never be said that we have become care- ess in the observance of the revealed truth of God. That ruth, embodied in Scripture and interpreted in the Con- essions, is still the heart of Lutheranism.

Heartbreaking as a situation like this is, it may be, nder God, that some good may come of it if we all, eople, pastors, church administrators, and theological rofessors, really re-examine our relationship to God and His revealed Word.

And Now—The Fall

With a sigh of relief, the editor announces that the veeks of abbreviated, sixteen-page issues are at an end. t is always a source of exasperation to put out issues vhich are so small that it is impossible to include the naterial which makes the paper as useful and interest- ng as an editor always wants his paper to be. From ow on, we are back to normal.

And that brings up the fact that the Church itself s getting back to normal. All the desires pastors and ongregation leaders may have, and all the effort they nay expend, do not alter the fact that the summer nonths are the doldrums of congregational life. As far s attendance is concerned, we have the impression that he summer slump is not nearly as noticeable as it was ome years ago. We have been in a number of churches his summer which were packed to the doors, and pas- ors have told us that church attendance is encouraging.

However, as far as the normal, day to day life of he congregation is concerned, the summer is a slack ime. Now, with the beginning of a new school year, vith vacations a thing of the past, congregations are eady to get down to business again.

As far as the Church at large, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, is concerned, there are a number of special projects which loom as important. It will be the privilege of Lutheran Herald to bring information concerning them in the months to come.

This issue includes material concerning two special projects. In the first place, you will have noticed before you got to the editorial pages that the first pages have to do with something which is called "The Every-Member Visit." There is no need of going into detail here, because Dr. Olson does that in his article. We do want to say, however, that we believe that this is a movement which can be of tremendous help and blessing to many a congregation. There is no question but that the major part of the congregational work is done by a very few, and that these very few also carry the largest share of the financial load of the congregation.

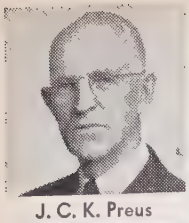
If the Every-Member Visit can mobilize the interest of a larger portion of the membership, the blessings upon both congregations and individuals will be beyond measuring. As a matter of fact, we consider the financial aspect of it secondary. It is the spiritual health of the congregations and their people which concerns us.

Two pages in this issue deal with another matter which is going to be of great importance in the ELC during the next twelve months or so, namely, the financial appeal for Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul. It will be recalled that the Church undertook this project at last year's General Convention. Again, while of course the project was undertaken because of the dire need of the seminary for capital improvements, we have the feeling that there are some by-products of this appeal which are tremendously important.

Actually, although we speak of our seminaries as "the heart of the Church," very many people know little about what transpires at these theological schools. We believe that one of the fine results of this appeal may well be that our Church, for the first time, will come to realize how the seminaries really are the heart of the Church.

Next week we shall introduce the third special project of the fall, a special effort on the part of the Division of Evangelism to foster the family altar, family devotions in the home. Certainly, there is nothing new in that! It always has been and always will be the desire of the Church that all its people shall gather at the family altar daily. Nevertheless, help for the individual family is always welcome, and we believe that the Division of Evangelism will be able to perform a real service.

So we go into what we may term a new year of life and activity in the congregations of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Spirit guiding, it can be the greatest year in our history. God grant that this may be so.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A Learned Encampment REFORTIFIED

Orville Dahl, Secretary
The Seminary Development Committee

. . . Hidden within one statistic, the growth of Luther Theological Seminary's student body by 137 per cent in four years, is the whole range of problems and opportunities of the future . . .

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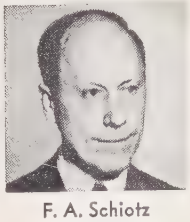
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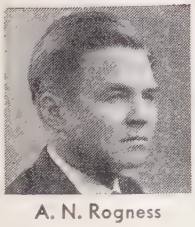
A. N. Rogness

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Certainly one of the most discussed actions of the 1954 General Convention has been th resolution, which was unanimously adopted, calling for the immediate study and exec tion of a program to meet the "unmet needs of Luther Theological Seminary."

The first action of the president-elect of the Seminary, Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, was to pr sent to the Convention the resolution which might well come to be remembered as one of t most significant steps taken by our Church for the positive and constructive advance of theological education. The resolution which now engages the attention of the Church is follows:

WHEREAS, In the recent rapid rise of student enrollment at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, it has been difficult for its three boards to make adequate study of seminary needs and for the Church to make provision for these needs, and

WHEREAS, It is both desirable and right that in the event of merger we deliver to the new Church a seminary that will not immediately demand of the new Church emergency attention, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Evangelical Lutheran Church instruct the three boards responsible for the Seminary (the Board of Education, the Board of Trustees, and the Church Council), to make a thorough-going study of the unmet needs of the Seminary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these three boards shall have the authority and power to inaugurate and execute throughout the congregations of the Church whatever financial or fund-raising program may be necessary to meet these needs; and

BE IT RESOLVED, FINALLY, That these three boards be instructed to execute these resolutions without waiting another biennium for further convention authorization.

Granting the urgency of the need, there might be the reaction that it was, nevertheless, somewhat precipitous. Such is not the case, because the general welfare of the Seminary had been a point of real concern for several years to Dr. Gullixson, now its president emeritus, and to the Board of Education of which, until his election as President of the Seminary, Dr. Rogness had been chairman. The resolution was the reflection of this concern by all who were responsible for the Church's theological education, not the least the Seminary staff and faculty.

The three boards quickly moved to implement the instructions from the Convention, and by September, 1954, each had named its representatives to the Seminary Development Committee. For the Church Council: Dr. T. A. Schiotz, president, ELC; the Rev. F. I. Schmidt, Oak Park, Ill., president, Eastern District; and Mr. Arthur H. Jacobsen, attorney, Waukon, Iowa. For the Board of Trustees: Mr. Stanley Anderson, businessman, Milan, Minn.; Mr. Arthur G. Norlin, businessman, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Dr. Raymond M. Olson, director of Stewardship, ELC; and Dr. T. G. Overson, executive secretary. For the Board of Christian Education: Dr. Morris Wee, pastor, Madison, Wis.; Mr. S. G. Reinertsen, business manager, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. J. C. K. Preus, executive director, Department of Education, ELC; and Dr. Orville Dahl, executive secretary, Higher Education, ELC. Dr. Alvin N. Rogness completed the membership of the Committee.

The Seminary Development Committee elected Dr. Morris Wee, chairman; Dr. Orville Dahl, secretary; and Dr. T. G. Overson, controller. Three members of the faculty at the Seminary were chosen by the teaching staff as its advisory members to the Committee: Dr. George Aus, Dr. John Milton, and Dr. W. A. Quanbeck.

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During the past year this group has been actively engaged in its program of determining the "unmet needs" of the Seminary. The scope of the survey has included every facet of activity in the Seminary. Faculty welfare has been a large subject, including the study of teaching loads, courses of study, educational equipment, plant facilities, library services, professional growth, academic policies, classroom procedures, and all of the routines associated with a graduate and professional school. In each of these areas there are immediate as well as long-range needs demanding the attention of the Church.

All the matters associated with faculty welfare seem to touch on the rest of the problems with which the Committee dealt. The unprecedented increase in student enrollment reduced itself, after all, to the number of students and classes one teacher can effectively handle. A suggestion of the problem rises from a brief analysis of student body growth: in 1917, there were 126 students enrolled; in 1927, 127 enrolled; in 1937, 123 enrolled; in 1947, the spectacular increase had started with 169 enrolled; and, by 1951, 401 students were enrolled. In short, while the student body did not increase in number from its 1917 enrollment to its 1946 enrollment, in four years, from 1947 to 1951, it increased 137 per cent!

George Aus

John Milton

W. A. Quanbeck

Hidden in this one statistic is the whole range of problems and opportunities with which the Seminary Development Committee has dealt: all facets of our theological education touch upon a realistic appraisal of the implications of this condition. The analysis of student increase since 1951, when the per cent of increase, as compared with 1947, has held a steady course, means the proper housing and feeding of single students; concern for the proper housing accommodations of married students and their families; storage and locker space for commuting (married) students needing some place on the campus to leave books, study materials, outer clothing, and lunches; over-crowded classrooms and heavy teaching loads; adequate study space in limited library facilities; sufficient books of all types to satisfy course requirements; efficient office routines in small areas not designed for the present volume of record-keeping; maintenance of an overworked physical plant and its outmoded heating system; a communications system designed for a student-body and teaching staff which existed prior to 1951; parking areas which can accommodate automobiles of students and staff and visitors.

All of this has come within the review of the Seminary Development Committee and, because it believes the Church will desire a comprehensive report on its findings and its recommendations for a solution, a complete *Prospectus* has been prepared and will be distributed to all pastors on September 15. In the *Prospectus* there is also the program which the Committee has adopted as the primary project of the Church for 1956—to refortify the theological seminary, "a learned encampment—filled with 'the militia of Christ.'"

In the following issue of Lutheran Herald a report on the next phase of the Committee's responsibility will be made, namely, "to inaugurate and execute throughout the congregations of the Church whatever financial or fund-raising program may be necessary to meet these needs." To meet these needs is to believe—and to believe is to build. . .

The Kingdom.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestene

TOWARD THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: I Corinthians 7:29-31 **The Gospel: Matthew 6:19-2**

Monday, September 12
HOW DO YOU SOW?
Read II Corinthians 9:6-11

The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Right or wrong, it has been said that our most vital contact with the Kingdom of God is through the offering plate. What we do there tells, to a degree, just how things are between ourselves and God. It doesn't tell how things are with our pocketbooks, mind you, but with our hearts.

Well, how do you sow? Bountifully? Not just money, though that is very important. Time, Talent, Treasure—that's the seed that goes into the ground of God's field. And when you drive across the field during sowing time, which is all of life, how bountifully are you getting these things into life?

There is a harvest and it cannot be great unless its beginnings were great. How good it is to rejoice in a big harvest! God, too, rejoices, and He bids each of us to sow in such a way that His Kingdom shall come in full measure to all.

Thee will I serve, dear Jesus. Amen.

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Tuesday, September 13
WHAT IS GOD LIKE?
Read John 14:7-14

"If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

There is no need to be in the position of people who guess at God. To them, God is always less than God. He fits some strange ideas that come out of their own minds. He is little, or narrow. This sort of god, of course, can do nothing for them, and their lives remain little, miserable, and unhappy.

Those who base their faith on the Word of God have a true picture of what God is like. True, even then it is impossible for man to understand God fully. But if he knows Jesus, who comes close to our human experience, he also knows much of what God is like. And this is the God who **is great enough to** handle our human needs. He cares, He forgives, He saves.

We know God best by what we have experienced in our spiritual quest. How good it is to know and to be known!

Lead us to greater knowledge of Thee, O God. Amen.

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Wednesday, September 14
STOP LIMPING
Read I Kings 18:21-40

"How long will you go limping wi two different opinions?"

Elijah was in dead earnest when asked the people this question. Becau they were undecided on just who w worthy of worship, they were limpin Who was it going to be? The Lord? C was it Baal? They couldn't keep on wi both, that was sure. First one, then t other, could produce nothing but a mise able limp. And you don't get very f that way.

There is a lot of limping in our da too. There is God asking for our love ar service, and there are gods that take t place of Baal. These gods beg for o love and our service too. So we look one, then at the other, and we limp.

How clearly God speaks on this poin He does not want to share Himself wi any other. "If He is not Lord of all He not Lord at all." Jesus said that tho that are not with Him are against Hi If you are against God you are not on t march; you are limping.

Make me wholly Thine, dear Go Amen.

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Thursday, September 15
WHAT'S THE USE?
Read II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Brethren, do not be weary in well-doing.

Sometimes we are tempted to say that there is no use in trying to be decent in this indecent world. What's the point in trying hard to build things up when there are so many at work tearing things down? What's the use in praying for and helping children grow up when in just a short while they can, if they become willful or get into bad company, ruin everything that has gone into their upbringing?

Paul has a word for us when we are in that mood. We *must* do Christian things simply because we are Christians. Christians don't go around saying, "What's the use?" They are positive. They don't say, "It won't work." They keep their eye on God in whose name they are living their lives, and according to whose will they are spending themselves in well-doing. Being "salt" they have to do what they do, and being "light" they have to shine even though it's dark in most places. God takes care of the rest. Remember that!

Give me strong faith, O Jesus. Amen.

Friday, September 16
SOMETHING WORTHY
Read Luke 14:12-15

"But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you."

Those last words sort of hit you in the face because they remind you that most of the things we do are done with the thought of reward. We do things to help ourselves, improve our condition, strengthen our connections, make ourselves better liked, and so on. We are always thinking of the reward. "What's in it for me?" we ask.

When we look into it as Christians, we should be quick to say, "How unworthy!" Jesus says that we should get our minds off the reward and take a look at the need. Poor people can't pay you back. Yet there is nothing in the whole Bible that says don't help the poor because they can't pay you back. Nothing will make you feel better than doing things simply because they ought to be done, because God gave you a little push and said, "There's your chance to do some good—something worthy."

Make me worthy, and useful, O God. Amen.

Saturday, September 17
STRANGE DOINGS
Read I Kings 17:1-6

"You shall drink from the brook, an I have commanded the ravens to feed yo there."

Unless you went to Sunday school an grew up with this story, you have a har time to believe it. You chalk it up another one of those odd things that a found in the Bible. You don't have trou ble with the brook, but it's the raven that bother you.

But it's different if you know abou God. Then you can look into your ow life and see a number of strange thing that have happened. Why did you choo one thing instead of another so that yo are where you are today, and not som where else? Did God have anything t do with your meeting certain people wh have had a good influence on you? think you will say yes.

Believers won't put anything beyon the power of God. He uses strange meth ods sometimes, to get done what He ha in mind. And that He can save peop from sin and lead them to serve Him, strangest of all.

Teach me not to question Thy method O God. Let me rejoice in Thy power.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

EW HIGH IN HURCH MEMBERSHIP

hurch membership in the United ates climbed to a record 97,482,611 1954, a gain of 2,639,766 over the evious year. A total of 60.3 per cent Americans, or slightly more than of every ten persons, are now embers of religious bodies. Perntage-wise the church membership in was 2.8 over 1953 as compared ith a U.S. population gain in the me period of 1.7 per cent.

Furthermore, Americans are donatg money for religious purposes as ver before; there are more churches an ever, with new construction eaking all previous records; churches e staffed by the greatest number of inisters in history, and Sunday hool membership is at an all-time gh.

The statistics are from the *Yearbook American Churches* for 1956, of hich Dr. Benson Y. Landis is editor. e said the figures show that "people e interested in religion to an unecedented degree in modern times. he awesome destructive power of omic energy may have something to with it, but beyond ascribing membership increases to such known factors unusually high birthrates, accelered evangelism on the part of the hurches, and shifting population ends from city to suburbs, it is diffiult to point to causes."

According to the yearbook, Protestnts now number 57,124,142; Roman atholics, 32,403,332; Jews, 5,500,000; astern Orthodox, 2,024,319; Old atholics and Polish National Catholcs, 367,918; and Buddhists, 63,000. he relative strength of Protestant and atholic groups has remained about he same for more than 50 years, the earbook said.

ELC CONVENTION OOKS AGAIN AT MERGER

he 21,000 member American Evanelical Lutheran Church, at its 78th nnual meeting, rejected, for the time eing, affiliation with the 2,200,000 nited Lutheran Church in America; 57 delegates voted in favor of affiliation and 124 against. A two thirds majority was necessary to carry the motion.

The proposal would have given the AELC the status of a linguistic synod within the UCLA, with its membership over-lapping that of other synods without regard to geographical boundaries.

After this motion was lost the convention overwhelmingly voted to accept the invitation extended last April by The United Lutheran Church in America and the Augustana Lutheran Church to participate in discussions regarding organic all-Lutheran unity.

MANY LISTENERS IN NORWAY

About one million Norwegian radio listeners, or 42 per cent of the total, frequently tune in the Sunday church service broadcasts over the state owned radio, according to a survey by the Norwegian Gallup Institute. The survey indicated that next to news and weather reports the Sunday morning church service broadcasts were the most popular Sunday radio program in Norway.

All the Sunday morning religious broadcasts come from Lutheran churches belonging to the State Church of Norway. The various free churches are attempting to claim more time. They are now assigned one Sunday afternoon broadcast each year.

SEVEN MILLION LUTHERANS

Membership of the Lutheran Churches in America passed the seven million mark in 1954. According to the annual statistical summary compiled by the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council, Lutheran Churches in the United States and Canada reported 7,117,906 members in 1954, an increase of 248,840 or 3.6 per cent over the previous year. The average gain during the past five years has been about three per cent.

COMMUNITY FOR AGED PEOPLE

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R. W. Hammer, director of Covenant Palms, near Miami, a new-type church-centered community for aged people, waters the lawn of a bungalow at the center. Located on a 20-acre tract, the home provides security for those over 65 but preserves their individual freedom. It is attracting the attention and study of religious leaders in various parts of the country. The community was founded five years ago by the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America. The present 40 residents, single men and women as well as couples, pay whatever they can give for their maintenance, and the Church makes up the difference. Covenant Palms comprises 16 duplex houses, a chapel, dining-and-recreation hall, pumphouse and manager's residence. Investment so far amounts to $750,000. A total of 106 duplex houses is planned.

FIRST CHIPPEWA ORDAINED

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The Rev. Sandy Clipping, a full-blooded Chippewa Indian (second right), was ordained a priest of the Anglican Church at a simple ceremony in St. Paul's parish in the far-northern port of Churchill, Manitoba. Mr. Clipping, only member of his tribe to become a clergyman, is shown outside of St. Paul's where he conducted his first service of Holy Communion in the Chippewa language. With him are the Rt. Rev. H. E. Hives, Bishop of Keewatin, who officiated at the ordination (right); and some of the 100 Indians from Duck Lake who were present at the rites. They had left home months ago to do so, travelling by dog sled before the spring breakup because rapids in the Caribou River made travel by canoe impossible. Among the Indians shown are Mrs. Clipping and their son, Tommy (in front).

Comprising the third largest Protestant denominational grouping in America, the Lutheran Churches are exceeded in members only by the Baptists and Methodists.

For the tenth consecutive year, the highest numerical increase was made by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Its gain of 84,625 baptized members or 4.4 per cent boosted the Synod's total to 2,001,135.

Among the major bodies the American Lutheran Church for the second consecutive year showed the greatest advance on a percentage basis, with a gain of 4.6 per cent. Close behind was The Evangelical Lutheran Church with 4.5 per cent.

NEW MEMBERS IN WORLD COUNCIL

Two applications for membership in the World Council of Churches were approved by its Central Committee at its meeting in Switzerland in early August. They came from the National Baptist Convention of America in the U. S. and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Silesia in Czechoslovakia.

The National Baptist Convention of America, with a membership of about 3,000,000 is the second largest Negro Baptist Church in the U.S. The other, the National Baptist Convention, is already a member of the Council. The Lutheran Church has a membership of about 50,000, of both Czech and Polish origin, as most of its congregations are in a border area now under Czechoslovakia.

JOINT LUTHERAN WORK ENDS IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has decided to end the co-operative work which it has carried on with the National Lutheran Council in Great Britain for the past seven years, a work chiefly among Lutheran refugees. Formal notice of the plans to withdraw from the program was given by Dr. H. A. Mayer of St. Louis in a letter to Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the NLC.

Dr. Mayer stated that the joint support of the Lutheran Council of Great Britain has been "a constant source of embarassment to the officials of the Synod" and that its action in Engla "has been misunderstood and misinte preted both within the ranks of o Synod as well as among Lutherans other Synods." He pointed out that t emergency status of relief activities Great Britain "has come to an e and is giving way to permane church work."

In his reply to Dr. Mayer's lett Dr. Empie expressed the belief that t joint work of the NLC and Missou had been "positively beneficial for t cause of Christ and the strengthen of Lutheranism in Great Britain." H also stated that he accepted the M souri Synod's decision "with full u derstanding and without impairme of our cordial relationships," a voiced the conviction that the acti "will not interrupt the development closer working relationships betwe our respective groups."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

A six-member Quaker mission has r turned from Russia. Its mission was re-establish direct contact with t Russian people through church grou They report visits to several Bapti groups, to Russian Orthodox church and to a theological seminary outsi Moscow, with a demonstrated desi for world peace among the people . Secretary of Labor James P. Mitch said in a special message for Lab Sunday that, while a strong and co fident working force is vital to Amer can prosperity, this force will be stron "only as long as its dedication to fai and morality remains steadfast." H message was believed to be the fir ever issued by a government official connection with Labor Sunday . . The number of students at Protesta theological schools in the Netherlan has decreased steadily over the la three years, it was reported recently. . . . Intemperance is a "major proble of our day," the Rev. John W. Keog president of the Catholic Total A stinence Union of America, told t group's annual convention in Atlant City, N. J. . . . . Forty-eight Jehovah Witnesses were ordered by a poli magistrate in Athens, Greece, to a pear for trial on charges of proselyti ing and holding an unlicensed r ligious meeting.

Correspondence

A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR BRAGSTAD

Little did we think that our beloved superintendent ould leave us so soon!

It was July 15 when we, the residents of Skaalen Sunset ome, gathered in the "Kaffe Stue" waiting to be called to e table for our noon-day meal. When Mr. Bragstad came his usual way, smiling, making a few remarks about w happy he was to be back, walking around the room shook hands with us all. I happened to be the last one, I said; "You had better go up and rest now." "No," was s reply, "I'm not tired."

In the morning we were saddened when we were told at Mr. Bragstad had been taken to a Madison hospital, d that he was very sick. He lingered until July 19, when r Lord whom he served took him to his eternal home.

I am certain that I express the sentiment of all who reside Skaalen Home when I say that we all loved Mr. Bragd and that he loved us. He was a person who understood ople of all ages. His greatest concern was to make us ppy and content. Often when he talked about homes r the aged, he expressed himself in this way: "Our old ople have worked hard for many years. I feel that they serve the best of everything in their declining years. They ten look for someone who understands them and will eet them with outstretched arms." Like a father, Mr. agstad did that.

Now the shepherd is gone, but the fold is still here. We lieve that God who has taken away will also replace. ntil then, we will lean on our good matron, Miss Mena neson, and upon Miss Nelson, who are well known for eir good judgment and kind deeds.

Mrs. A. E. Gunderson,
Skaalen Sunset Home,
Stoughton, Wisconsin

ABOUT URANIUM

►By the article, "A Word About Uranium," in the July 12 issue of Lutheran Herald it seems that God maybe is about to pour forth a great fortune for the furtherance of His Kingdom. We should thank and praise God for this and thank the Board of Trustees for their faithful work. But whether or not this is a blessing to The Evangelical Lutheran Church is quite another matter.

The extension of God's Kingdom is the responsibility and privilege of those who love God and have His blessings, temporal and spiritual. If we are being relieved of the responsibility of supplying the material needs of the Church, does it not seem that God is showing us that we have not been faithful stewards of the blessings He has entrusted to us individually? Remember that our annual budget is only an absolute minimum of the required needs. God is not satisfied with minimums. He has blessed us to the maximum. God wants fruit, not foliage.

Stewardship is more than raising the pastor's salary, building a suitable house of worship and raising the budget. Stewardship is to put to the best possible use everything that God has entrusted to us, for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

We, the members of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, should be greatly concerned over this thing that God may be about to do. It seems that it can mean but one thing, that we have not been faithful, and that God cannot trust to the individual the blessings He would like to shower upon us. It pleases God to bless those who are faithful with the things He has bestowed upon them.

Whether or not this uranium deposit develops into a great fortune, let it be an indication to us that we are not meeting the needs of the Church as our heavenly Father sees the need.

Allen Dyrud
Rock Point, Arizona

The Correspondence page is intended to be an open forum for the use of our readers. The views expressed on this page are those of the writers, with which the editor may or may not agree. Brief letters on pertinent subjects are invited. It goes without saying that nothing contrary to the teaching of the church will be accepted.

Within the E.L.C.

RSONS

The Rev. Clifford H. Nelson, pastor the Roseni-St. Peter parish, Beresd, S. Dak., has accepted a call to on Church, Appleton, Minn., and ll begin his work there Oct. 1.

Martin C. Olson, Cambridge, Wis., s in the early part of the summer nored by the senior choir of East shkonong Church for having been member of it for fifty years, and was esented a number of appropriate ts.

The Rev. S. W. Gulsvig, formerly Britton, S. Dak., has since Aug. 21 en pastor of the Trinity-Garfield par-, Dawson, Minn.

The Rev. Earl Duame is now pastor of the rural Bottineau parish in North Dakota.

The Rev. John Hopp, earlier pastor in Petersburg, Alaska, began in July his new pastorate in First Lutheran Church, Bothell, Wash.

The Rev. Edw. W. Johnshoy, formerly of Pasco, Wash., is now pastor at Nielsville, Minn.

The Rev. Ralph S. Rusley, Rolla, N. Dak., will in September begin a new Home Mission church at Ellendale, N. Dak.

The Rev. L. T. Runestad, Astoria, S. Dak., has resigned from his parish and will pursue graduate study in pastoral counseling at Chicago Lutheran Seminary.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Berg, Gonvick, Minn., were honored by parishioners and other friends July 24th, the occasion being their silver wedding.

The Rev. John E. Midtling, pastor of the North Valley-Laketown parish, Centuria, Wis., has accepted a call to Mt. Sterling, Wis.

The Rev. K. C. Grundahl, president of the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask., has accepted a call to teach at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis. He will begin his work by Jan. 1, 1956.

The Rev. Olaf J. Engh, formerly of Fennimore, Wis., will be installed Sept. 11th as pastor of the Bigfork-Fredheim-Jessie Lake parish, Bigfork, Minn.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Boscobel, Wis. Hickory Grove Church celebrated its centennial Aug. 28th. Guest speakers were Dr. J. A. Aasgaard and the Rev. M. Bjornson, a former pastor of the congregation. A week later another church of the parish, Castle Rock at Fennimore, observed its centennial. Speakers at this event were District President Schmidt and Pastors Gustav Gunsten and H. C. Molstre, who earlier served the parish. The Fennimore-Boscobel parish has until lately been served by the Rev. O. J. Engh.

South Central

Scarville, Iowa. The Immanuel-North Prairie parish is being temporarily served by the Rev. John O. Langehough, who will presently enter the Air Force chaplain service.

North Dakota

White Earth, N. Dak. Cottonwood Lake Church, parish of the Rev. Gerald C. White, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary Aug. 14th. Guest speakers were two former pastors of the parish, Pastors Virgil Johnson and C. A. Fritz.

THE INTERSYNODICAL YOUNG LUTHERANS

Organized under the above name, young Lutherans from eight parishes of different synods in southern Minnesota have met together for discussion six times a year during the past year. This organization would like to correspond with any existing groups of similar type or with individuals interested in forming such an organization. Correspondence should be addressed to the Rev. M. C. Linnerson, Carver, Minn.

CHURCH COUNCIL OF NEW CALIFORNIA CONGREGATION

Members of the church council of the new St. Olaf congregation at Garden Grove, Cali are pictured above, together with Dr. Gaylerd Falde, president of the California Distri (seventh from the left). Next to him is seen the Rev. J. E. Rommereim, pastor of th church. Fourth from the right is the late Rev. R. Ulvilden, former pastor of First Luthera Church, Minot, N. Dak. The congregation was formally organized Aug. 7, with a chart membership of 291. On the same day Dr. Falde installed Pastor Rommereim. The co gregation will at an early date begin building operations on a four acre lot.

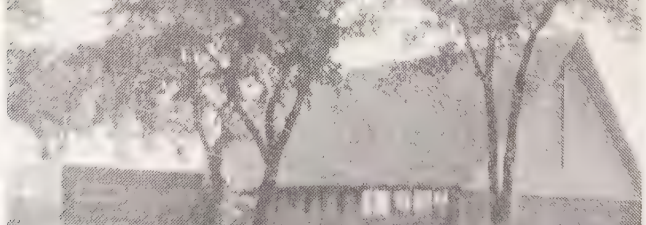
LETTER FROM DR. BURGESS

Dr. A. S. Burgess, professor of missions at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., being on a four months missionary inspection trip of the Far East, writes in a letter of Aug. 17th from Calcutta: "Arrived lately from Sumatra. Plan to spend some time visiting Lutheran missions here in India, particularly the Gossner and the Santal fields. We have students from here at our Seminary. Earlier I have been in Japan, Taiwan, and Hongkong. Three weeks were given to studying missionary methods used on the ALC fields in New Guinea, followed by two weeks among the Bataks, where ou Dr. Keith Bridston works. Missiona ies are taking wise steps to meet th demands of a new day in foreign mi sions, leading the national church into greater autonomy and in missio ary enterprise in untouched areas. D voted missionaries are still needed i this great work."

WISCONSIN PARISH TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

Holmen Church, Holmen, Wis., wi have its new church dedicated Sep 18th by District President Schmid Other guest speakers will be the Re Einar Larson, West Allis, Wis., an the Rev. K. R. Torvik, Eagle Grov Iowa, the latter a former pastor of th parish. At present the church is bein served by the Rev. Arthur Erickso pending a call to service as an A Force chaplain. The new church ed fice replaces a 45-year-old structu which was destroyed by fire early 1953.

FAIRVIEW, S. DAK., HAS NEW CHURCH



The new church of Bethany congregation, Fairview, S. Dak., parish of the Rev. E. W. Haygeman, represents a cost of $60,000. The nave seats 200, and the adjoining parish house affords room for 200 additional at overflow services. The new edifice accommodates also the Sunday school and meetings of parish organizations. The church was dedicated May 22 by Dr. L. A. Pierson, president of the South Dakota District. As that occasion marked the fiftieth anniversary of the congregation several of the former pastors of the parish took part in the celebration.

OBITUARIES

The Rev. Reinhardt Ulvilden

The Rev. Reinhardt Ulvilden die at Garden Grove, California, Au 14th, in his 65th year. Funeral servic were held Aug. 19th at West Nidar Church, near Baltic, S. Dak., the Re Paul D. Sather officiating. His brothe the Rev. Geo. Ulvilden, District Pres dents Pierson and Reinertson, and th Rev. T. A. Thompson of the Hon Mission office also took part in th

rvice. Ulvilden was born Jan. 26, 91, at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Gradued from Luther College in 1913 and om Luther Seminary in 1916. Later studied at the University of Neaska and at Augustana Theological minary. Served the following pastores: Mercer, N. Dak., 1916-18; Omaha, ebr., 1918-30, First Lutheran Church, inot, N. Dak., from 1930 until deining health forced him to resign out a year ago. He served as secretary the South Dakota District, 1926-30; a member of the ELC Board of ome Missions, 1938-50, and of the ommission on Evangelism for several ars. Edited "Lutheran Teacher" 1931-. He is survived by his wife, nee ara P. Peterson, two sons, two daughrs, two brothers, and one sister.

The Rev. O. M. Odland

The Rev. O. M. Odland, who about year ago retired from the parish inistry and moved to Sioux Falls, S. ak., died Aug. 4, in his 67th year. uneral services were held Aug. 8 at ell Rapids, S. Dak., the Rev. H. M. egen, pastor of the Sioux Falls church hich the Odlands had joined, officiing. Among other speakers was Dr. A. Pierson, president of the South akota District. A brother-in-law, the ev. P. B. Stensland, spoke on behalf the family. Odland was born May , 1889, at Hurley, S. Dak. Graduated om the South Dakota State College 1911 and from Luther Theological minary, St. Paul, in 1919. He served e following parishes: Yankton, S. ak., 1919-37, and Dell Rapids, S. ak., 1937-54. Was a member of vari- s ELC and district boards; president the South Dakota YPLL 1922-24. He is survived by his wife, nee Clara Stensland, three sons, four daughters, and fourteen grandchildren; also by six brothers and two sisters (Mrs. C. M. Granskou, Northfield, Minn., and Mrs. Henry Thompson, Cambridge, Wis.), and by his stepmother, Mrs. E. A. Odland, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

OUR SAVIOR'S OF GREENWOOD

The first Sunday in June the new church edifice of Our Savior's Church, Greenwood, Wis., was ready for occupancy. Seating capacity is 300 and there are Sunday school facilities for 150. Cost was $90,000. Dedication has been set for November 13. The Rev. M. S. Egge is the pastor.

The Rev. J. A. E. Naess

The Rev. J. A. E. Naess, president of the Pacific District 1924-31, died Aug. 14 at Pasadena, Calif., in his 84th year. Funeral services were held Aug. 17 at St. Paul's Church, Monrovia, Calif. John Arndt Emmanuel Naess, a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Olaus Naess was born at Dodgeville, Wis., Jan. 18, 1872. B. A. from St. Olaf College 1895, candidate of theology from the United Church Seminary 1898, and D.D. from Pike's Peak Seminary 1939. He served the following parishes: Castle Rock, Wis., 1898-1902; Albert Lea, Minn., 1902-08; Austin, Minn., 1908-17; San Diego, Calif., 1917-20; Everett, Wash., 1920-22; Our Saviour's, Tacoma, Wash., 1922-24; Santa Barbara, Calif., 1932-41; Trinity, San Francisco, Calif., 1941-46. After serving 1917-24 as vice president of Pacific District, he was, as stated above, president of the district for seven years. His wife, nee Amanda Larson, died in 1952. Survivors are two sons and a daughter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Montevideo Circuit WMF will meet Sept. 29 at Immanuel Church near Watson, Minn.

For Sale: 18 used nine-foot oak pews, in good condition. Write Bennie Nygard, Leonard, N. Dak.

For Sale: 430,000 BTU round oak oil furnace, 4½ gal. nozzles; and a 10-burner, 2-oven Garland gas range. Contact West Nidaros Lutheran Church, Baltic, S. Dak.

Reformation festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 30th, 10:30 a.m., at University Field House, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. The cooperation of ushers, councilmen, brotherhood and Sunday school leaders, and music leaders is asked. Contact Levon E. Olson, R. 2, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Wanted: 31 pews in good condition, min. length 11 feet. Contact Burr Oak Lutheran Church, Burr Oak, Iowa, or Wm. O. Jacobson, R. 3, Decorah, Iowa.

New addresses for medical missionaries: Dr. Alf F. Borge, Mission Lutherienne Americaine, Fort Dauphin, Madagascar; and Dr. Conrad Eastwold, L'Hospital des Missions Protestantes, Ngaoundere, French Cameroun, W. Africa.

Golden Gate Circuit fall convention will be held Oct. 14 at Faith Church, Los Gatos, California.

For Sale: New gold-E slide and filmstrip projector, 300 watt, with many sets of Biblical slides and film-strips; these are little used. Total cost: $170.00, but will sell at $80.00. Contact the Rev. J. M. Erickson, Grygla, Minn.

The new Bethesda Church, Jewell, Iowa, will be dedicated Sunday, Sept. 18, 3:00 p.m.

Christ Church, Cottonwood, Minn., will celebrate its 75th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 11th.

Correction: A typographical error in the statistical tables on page 680 of **Lutheran Herald** for July 19, 1955, would indicate that the baptized membership of the California district increased in 1954 by 11.71 percent. The correct percentage figure should be 17.09.

The Placement Service

The purpose of the Placement Service is to assist in the locating of our people in communities served by the Lutheran Church. The Placement Service has not investigated the merits of the propositions advertised and assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to The Placement Service of the E.L.C. New address: 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.

FOR SALE

Farms

5 acre well equipped chicken farm. 2,000 capacity. 3 acre permanent pasture under irrigation. 2 bedroom modern house in shady setting. 2 mi. from elementary and high school, 2½ mi. from Lutheran church. Elec., phone, paved road, ½ mi. to supermarket, 3 mi. to town in northern California. Full price $17,000; terms. 428-1A

240 acre farm, 120 acres clear, good pasture, heavy soil, clay loam, 3 room house, REA, all new machinery, combine, 2 tractors. 54 head cattle, 100 pullets, 3 hogs, 50 ton alfalfa hay, 1,000 bu. oats, milking machine. Illness forces sale. Price $28,000. 428-2A

383 acre farm, 4½ mi. from good town in central Minn. On hard surface road, near Lutheran church. Very good buildings, new 6 room modern house. Full basement. New machine shed 36x60 with cement floor. Price $85 per acre. 428-3A

160 acre dairy farm in southern Minn. ½ mi. to cheese factory. Large house, barn, granary, chicken house, and hog house. 428-4A

160 acre farm in Dunn Co., Wis. 112 acres under cultivation. New barn, silo, milk house, machine shed, chicken coop, corn crib, double garage. Good 7 room house, hot and cold water. 1 mi. to town, school, Lutheran churches. On school bus route. Will sell with livestock and machinery. 428-5A

Businesses

Small acreage less than 1 mi. from town on blacktop highway, southwestern Minn. Suitable for filling station, motel, or drive-in. Has 3 bedroom, nearly new, all-modern house. 428-6C

Grocery and general store in center of resort area, northwestern Wis. 11 mi. to town. Very good business. Living quarters included. Price $12,000; terms. 428-7C

FOR RENT

Apartment in south Minneapolis, 1 block to Lake Calhoun. Living room, kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom. Gas heat, automatic hot water. Vacant early September. Prefer adults. 428-8B

POSITIONS WANTED

Commercial art, mural painting, or magazine illustration work desired by experienced artist. 428-9D

Experienced, middle-aged woman (widow) would like work in old people's home or other institutional work. 428-10D

Lutheran farm couple would like to care for elderly couple or two elderly women in their western Wisconsin home. 428-11E

HELP WANTED

Woman wanted in north Minneapolis home during the winter months for housekeeping, cooking, general help. Live in. 428-12F

Opening in southwestern Wis. congregation for parish worker who can play the organ and work with young people. Organist with desire to give private piano lessons will be considered. 428-13F

Middle-aged or elderly Christian woman wanted in south Minneapolis home to care for 13 mo. old child and do light housework while mother works. 428-14F

Woman wanted on modern farm home in southern Minn. Lutheran community. Close to town. Housekeeping for 2 or 3 adults. Good wages. 428-15F

Capable woman wanted to care for invalid woman in own home. Small southern Minn. town. Lutheran church. 428-16F

Christian worker wanted by Christian book store in southeastern South Dakota. 428-17F

Steam engineer with 1st Class Minnesota License wanted by ELC college. 428-18G

Man wanted as assistant farm manager. Single man preferred. Good working conditions on farm operated by children's home in Wisconsin. 428-19G

Do you mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, and, perhaps, neighborhood friends wonder whether your boy or girl, man or woman, way out there in California, down in Texas, up in Washington, or even in Minnesota is attending a Lutheran church? By simply filling out this coupon and sending it in, perhaps a family will be saved for the Church.

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO
SHOULD BE IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH

Name _____

_____
(ADDRESS)

at _____
(CITY) (STATE)

I would like to know if they are attending a Lutheran church in this area. You may mention my name: (yes) ..... (no)

Signed:

Name _____

Address _____

Send to—Placement Service of the ELC
422 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

In Loving Remembrance

Memorial Wreaths—ELC

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. Revelation 14:13

In loving remembrance of dear ones departed, the following gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God have been given.

May 16-20, 1955

Kappedahl, Carl O., Northfield, Minn., $1.
Kleppe, Mrs. Sophia, Stoughton, Wis., $100.
Klyberg, Torger, Montevideo, Minn., $65.
Kneeland, Lloyd, Ortley, So. Dak., $80.
Langseth, Rev. J. M., Wellsburg, No. Dak., $
Larson, Mrs. John O., Gratiot, Wis., $5.
Loberg, Mrs. Jul, Davenport, No. Dak., $5.
Madland, Mrs. H. J., Des Moines, Iowa, $14.
Moen, Mrs. Inger, Lake Mills, Iowa, $19.25
Molgard, A. G., Fargo, No. Dak., $4.
Nelsen, Mrs. Martin, Hartington, Nebr., $9.
Nelson, Nels, Pulaski, Wis., $15.
Nelson, Peter, Wheeler, Wis., $27.25
Nelson, Petra, Hawley, Minn., $9.
Nerheim, Mrs. Martin, Boyd, Minn., $5.
Ness, Anna, Erskine, Minn., $22.
Nord, Miss, Petra, Rothsay, Minn., $15.
Noss, Knute, Winger, Minn., $10.
Nudell, Charles, Buffalo, No. Dak., $25.
Olson, Mrs. John, Sandpoint, Idaho, $10.
Olson, Lawrence, Cottonwood, Minn., $1.
Olson, Mrs. Mary, Harmony, Minn., $19.
Olson, Lt. Col. Walter Ive, Ross, Minn., $10.
Rasmusson, Mrs. H. P., Ada, Minn., $12.
Reierson, Nels, Northfield, Minn., $8.
Rembergar, Dean, Watford City, No. Dak., $32
Romfo, Mrs. Helgert, Walhalla, No. Dak., $1
Ross, E. W., Mekinock, No. Dak., $4.
Sathre, Eric, Opheim, Mont., $5.
Saxvold, Mrs. Gust, Grygla, Minn., $20.
Selliken, Julius, Grafton, No. Dak., $5.
Siemers, Mrs. Henry, Ames, Iowa, $18.
Stenson, David, Dalton, Minn., $40.
Stordahl, Martin, Trent, So. Dak., $9.
Thiel, Donald, Ames, Iowa, $14.
Thompson, Mrs. T. H., Marmon, No. Dak., $5
Warren, Mrs. Walter, Lake Wilson, Minn., $2.

From May 23 through 27, 1955

Agre, Mrs. Bennie, Boyd, Minn., $10.
Anderson, Mrs. C. J., Leeds, No. Dak., $40.
Anderson, Darrel, Brinsmade, No. Dak., $10.
Anderson, Mrs. Hulda, Underwood, Minn., $1.
Baakhaus, Anna, Hanlontown, Iowa, $10.
Benson, Mrs. Maria, Spring Grove, Minn., $4.
Boe, Mrs. Anna, Edmore, No. Dak., $40.
Boen, Thor, Pelican Rapids, Minn., $10.
Dahle, Halvor O., Sibley, Iowa, $10.
Dahlen, Olaf, Fergus Falls, Minn., $19.
Eidal, Mrs. E. O., Fergus Falls, Minn., $8.50
Engraf, Jorgen, Hettinger, No. Dak., $9.81
Enstrom, Mrs. F. W., Redfield, So. Dak., $3.
Erickson, Mrs. Tina, Fergus Falls, Minn., $5.
Ersland, Marie, Hardy, Iowa, $65.
Espeland, Olai, Cottonwood, Minn., $2.
Forland, Mrs. Turtle Lake, No. Dak., $5.
Fretheim, Isaac, Oakland, Minn., $18.
Frick, E., Velva, No. Dak., $4.
Gilbertson, Mrs Peter, Glenwood, Minn., $10
Gilbertson, Ritche Lyonel, Montevideo, Minn., $
Halbakken, Mrs. Clara, Pelican Rapids, Minn.,
Hanson, Mrs. Anna, Brooten, Minn., $11.
Hanson, Charlie, Flaxton, No. Dak., $5.50
Hanson, Olaf, Brandt, So. Dak., $2.
Haugen, Math., Zahl, No. Dak., $2.
Hayes, Verna, Eugene, Ore., $5.
Hoiland John, Spring Grove, Minn., $2.
Hovland, S. L., Rake, Iowa, $28.
Jacobson, O. M., Hettinger, No. Dak., $5.
Johnson, Lewis, Cass Lake, Minn., $12.
Johnson, Patricia, Rake, Iowa, $13.
Johnson, Mrs. Ray, Portland, Ore., $5.
Kirkeeg, Stephan, Rockland, Wis., $3.
Kutschara, Louis, Clear Lake, Iowa, $19.
Kvaal, Peder, Nekoma, No. Dak., $3.
Lierboe, Mrs. Josephine, Washburn, No. Dak.,
Loken, Martin, Alamo, No. Dak., $18.
Magnus, John, Zahl, No. Dak., $5.
Matheson, Nels, Rake, Iowa, $40.
Moore, Jeffrey Neil, Seattle, Wash., $3.
Nelson, Martin, Milaca, Minn., $5.
Oelke, Theo., Exeland, Wis., $10.
Olson, Mrs. N. O., Calamus, Iowa, $10.
Olson, Sandre, Whalan, Minn., $11.50
Osmundson, Mrs. Ole, Milaca, Minn., $5.
Randall, Mrs. A. M., Lake Mills, Iowa, $20.

ey, Mrs. Martha, Spring Grove, Minn., $6.
ning, Mrs. John, Ada, Minn., $5.
ning, Mrs. Sella, Montevideo, Minn., $7.
vold, Mrs. Gus, Grygla, Minn., $2.
ansberg, Mrs. Cora, Spring Grove, Minn., $7.
vig, Mrs. Rena, Amery, Wis., $5.
r, Mrs. Anna, Northwood, Iowa, $30.50
va, Mrs. Dora, Underwood, Minn., $3.
berg, Mrs. Mathilde, Elk Mound, Wis., $3.
so, Art, Petersburg, Nebr., $3.
vig, Henry E., Crookston, Minn., $5.
upe, Newman, Minneapolis, Minn., $6.
ffenson, Mrs. M. K., Colorado Springs, Colo., 5.
rbraaten, Theodore, Watertown, So. Dak., $5.
ande, Mrs. Lars, Fergus Falls, Minn., $75.
mpson, Mrs. T. H., Zahl, No. Dak., $3.
en, Norman, Page, No. Dak., $3.
mpson, Lloyd, Glenwood, Minn., $37.
mpson, R. M., Canton, So. Dak., $5.
rman, Mrs. Ella, Colorado Springs, Colo., $5.
, Mrs. J., Veblen, So. Dak., $109.
d, Dr. Anton, Whitehall, Wis., $20.
ken, Morris, St. James, Minn., $36.50

From May 31 through June 3, 1955

ertson, Mrs. Elmer, Zumbrota, Minn., $9.
staum, Mrs. Lena, Tacoma, Wash. $5.
derson, Asher, Hannaford, No. Dak., $1.
derson, Earl, Kathryn, No. Dak., $2.
derson, Mrs. Ira, Lake Mills, Iowa, $5.
tonson, Mrs. Isaac, Hettinger, No. Dak., $5.
eson, Mrs. J. K., Hawley, Minn., $2.
nsingen, Lenard, Canby, Minn., $2.
g, Mrs. Gertie, Zumbrota, Minn., $23.
go, Oline, Northwood, Iowa, $1.
rgo, Albert, Decorah, Iowa, $7.50
sum, Henry, Clearbrook, Minn., $12.
ding, Gustava, Fargo, No. Dak., $9.
nton, E. J., Watson, Minn., $1.
elberg, Clarence, Odessa, Minn., $3.
ristiansen, Michael, Tacoma, Wash. $5.
ristianson, Ole K., Detroit Lakes, Minn., $1.
france, C. H., Barrett, Minn., $4.
ucette, Theodore, Tomahawk, Wis., $15.
uglas, Mrs. Harold, Hoople, No. Dak., $10.
broden, Mrs. Olena, Muscoda, Wis., $3.
andsen, Albert, Stephen, Minn., $20.
ney, Effie, Northwood, Iowa, $8.
drickson, Henry, Holmen, Severin, Jackson, Minn., $10.
lberg, Mrs. Oscar, Adams, No. Dak., $4.
llingstad, Olof Fred, Tacoma, Wash., $5.
maun, R. A., Clear Lake, So. Dak., $6.
mline, Mrs. Ivan, Chippewa Falls, Wis., $5.
nsson, Mrs. Andrew, Tacoma, Wash., $5.
nnula, E. A., Minneapolis, Minn., $10.
uge, John S., Longview, Wash., $5.
ugland, Homer, Watson, Minn., $14.
lmen, Elmer, Milaca, Minn., $30.
llestad, Elmer, De Smet, So. Dak., $20.
mme, Osmond, Reynolds, No. Dak., $3.
rson, S. N., Watson, Minn., $1.
mes, Gorden, Rushford, Minn., $8.
nnson, Gilbert, Newhall, Iowa, $5.
nnson, John, Estherville, Iowa, $15.
nnson, Mrs. Syvert, Fergus Falls, Minn., $11.
ethe, Mrs. Olena, Lignite, No. Dak., $5.
rsen, A. C., Minneapolis, Minn., $32.50
rson, Mrs. S., Kensett, Iowa, $5.
de, Mrs. Ameila Ridgeway, Iowa, $6.
cas, Lena, Kanawha, Iowa, $6.
nd, Mrs. Jennie, Rhinelander, Wis., $5.
e, Thorlief, Park River, No. Dak., $4.
lson, Arthur W., Zumbrota, Minn., $7.
lson, Mrs. Julius, Osseo, Wis., $21.
lson, Nels, Northwood, Iowa, $2.
lson, Mrs. Nels, Rolette, No. Dak., $5.50
rager, Mrs. Morten, Ames, Iowa, $16.50
tgulen, Otto, Sedan, Minn., $206.
derson, Alfred, Fort Ransom, No. Dak., $2.
erson, Gilbert, Northwood, Iowa, $20.50
erson, Lester, Hendrum, Minn., $15.
erson, O. P., Minnewaukan, No. Dak., $5.
erson, Walter, Twin Valley, Minn., $3.
g, John, Kenyon, Minn., $9.
kkan, Elmer Gerhard, Linn Grove, Iowa, $80.
nning, Darwin, Enderlin, No. Dak., $2.
rvik, Mrs. Anna, Chicago, Ill., $50.
de, Mrs. Sophie, Grand Forks, No. Dak., $5.
ger, Jr., Albert, Florence, So. Dak., $8.
a, Sever, Delhi, Minn., $13.
r, Anna, Hanlontown, Iowa, $5.
eride, Adolph, Decorah, Iowa, $6.
rron, Margit, Nunda, So. Dak., $3.
nonson, Mr. and Mrs. S. R., Benson, Minn., $5.
dsvold, Mrs. O., Brocket, No. Dak., $21.
vbroten, Annie, Eleva, Wis., $5.
srud, Alida, Kasson, Minn., $7.
om, Mrs. E. I., Montevideo, Minn., $5.
rm, Mrs. John, Mitchell, So. Dak., $3.
mpson, Ervin, Appleton, Minn., $43.
and, Oliver, Sinai, So. Dak., $13.
gerson, F. W., Granite Falls, Minn., $10.
rison, Mrs. Helga, Fisher, Minn., $4.
dahi, A. E., Northwood, Iowa, $6.
llen, Mrs. Orville, Clarkfield, Minn., $20.

From June 6 through 10, 1955

, Arnold, Renton, Wash., $10.
derson, Anna, West Allis, Wis., $5.
Anderson, Elof, Waseca, Minn., $15.
Ask, John, Ormsby, Minn., $5.
Baisner, Mrs. E., Velva, No. Dak., $2.
Bale, Duane, Kasson, Minn., $3.
Bebler, Elmer, Marshall, Minn., $3.
Bellis, Charles Floyd, Onawa, Iowa, $2.
Benson, Mrs. Alfred, Sisseton, So. Dak., $2.
Berg, Mrs. William, New Richland, Minn., $100.
Berget, Alvin, South Wayne, Wis., $50.
Berglund, Oscar, Sisseton, So. Dak., $2.
Boe, Mrs. Anna, Adams, No. Dak., $2.
Carlson, Elizabeth, Austin, Minn., $8.
Drenkhahn, Mrs. E., Portland, Ore, $8.
Elleby, Chris, Morris, Ill., $4.
Enderson, Bertha, Rochester, Minn., $19.
Engen, Alfred, Maddock, No. Dak., $17.
Enger, Mrs. Julia, Luverne, Minn., $9.
Everson, Mrs. Albert, Gratiot, Wis., $5.
Flom, Ole Emil, West Concord, Minn., $4.
Flom, Nels, Mahnomen, Minn., $2.
Frick, Ernest, Velva, No. Dak., $5.
Geary, Mrs. William, Adams, No. Dak., $2.
Grathans, Mrs. H. C., Windom, Minn., $5.
Gross, Alice, West Allis, Wis., $5.
Halberg, Mrs. Oscar, Adams, No. Dak., $5.
Hampton, Mrs. Kenneth, Madison, Minn., $1.
Hansen, H. W., Seattle, Wash., $3.
Hanson, H. I., Menomonie, Wis., $15.
Hanson, Henry, Roland, Iowa, $5.
Hanson, L. E., Webster City, Iowa, $30.
Haugen, Laurissa Lynn, Florence, So. Dak., $4.
Haugen, Louis, Madison, Minn., $1.
Haukos, Mrs. Herman, Madison, Minn., $27.
Helland, Olai, Brocket, No. Dak., $5.
Henderson, Henry K., Kenyon, Minn., $4.
Heninan, Earl, Clearbrook, Minn., $3.
Hereim, Tom, Roland, Iowa, $3.
Holberg, Mabel, West Allis, Wis., $5.
Holmen, Severin, Windom, Minn., $2.
Jacobson, Torkel K., Kanawha, Iowa, $22.
Jacobson, Victor, Storden, Minn., $13.
Jerner, Miss Sophie, Madison, Minn., $80.
Jesten, Clarence, Moorhead, Minn., $6.
Johnson, Mrs. C. A., Waseca, Minn., $15.
Kaldheim, O., Birch Hills, Sask., Canada, $37.
Knutson, Walter, Grafton, No. Dak., $5.
Larson, Mrs. J. A. B., Roland, Iowa, $6.
Lee, Otto, Roland, Iowa, $5.
Lee, Tommie, Marshall, Minn., $3.
Leppen, Mrs. Ida L., Scandinavia, Wis., $2.
Lerdal, Carrie, Renwick, Iowa, $24.50
Lewis, Mrs. Ben, Sarona, Wis., $5.
Lindberg, Gust, Battle Lake, Minn., $17.75
Logred, Mrs Henry, Sedan, Minn., $46.
Lokken, John, Fargo, No. Dak., $3.
Lucas, Lena, Kanawha, Iowa, $5.
Melhus, Mrs. Christine, Fargo, No. Dak., $1.
Molgard, A. G., Fargo, No. Dak., $3.
Nelson, Mrs. Anna D., Wakonda, So. Dak., $5.
Nelson, Margo Beth, Page, No. Dak., $3.
Netmanger, Mrs. Maren, Hamlet, No. Dak., $5.
Norgaard, Miss Hazel, Grove City, Minn., $25.
Nyhus, T. S., Henning, Minn., $5.
Odland, Mrs. Ole, Belgrade, Minn., $30.
Ofstedal, Gerald, Alexandria, Minn., $25.
Oleson, Mrs. Simon, Storden, Minn., $21.
Olson, Tom, Storden, Minn., $7.
Olson, Martin, New Richland, Minn., $156.50
Ostgulen, Otto, Sedan, Minn., $10.
Pederson, Aurlund, Rushford, Minn., $3.
Peterson, Bennie, Wilson, Wis., $1.
Peterson, Sandra, Arlington, So. Dak., $15.
Quast, Lorraine, Austin, Minn., $13.
Ramstad, Gerhard, Wahpeton, No. Dak., $5.
Rongstad, John, Storden, Minn., $16.
Rosendahl, Andrew, Adams, No. Dak., $2.
Ryhne, Eli, Wheaton, Minn., $18.
Samuelson, Mrs. Olaf., Sioux Rapids, Iowa, $2.50
Sevde, Carl, Roland, Iowa, $11.
Sjolie, Juel, Madison, Minn., $70.
Slieter, Emil D., Hills, Minn., $30.50
Stolpe, Mrs. Walter, Wheeler, Wis., $39.50
Strauss, Mrs. Walter C., Rio, Wis., $5.
Thompson, Hans, Storden, Minn., $17.
Thompson, John, Clements, Minn., $2.
Thorson, Martin, Fenton, Iowa, $31.
Twete, M., New Effington, So. Dak., $6.09
Verplank, Clarence, Ellendale, Minn., $4.
Walen, Andrew, Windom, Minn., $53.
Warner, Albert, Mankato, Minn., $22.
Weckwerth, Mrs. Albert, Waseca, Minn., $10.

From June 13 through 17, 1955

Ask, John, Truman, Minn., $38.50
Aske, Inanda, Forest City, Iowa, $15.
Bergland, John, Thief River Falls, Minn., $4.
Bergtoll, Charles, Opheim, Mont., $5.
Bothem, Gary, Lanesboro, Minn., $2.
Braaten, Clara, Veblen, So. Dak., $11.
Brien, Mrs. Sadie O., Soland, Miss Betsy, Decorah, Iowa, $11.
Brown, Mrs. Herman, St. Charles, Minn., $10.
Dahl, Miss Carrie, Appleton, Minn., $2.
Dodge, Walla, Canby, Minn., $12.
Eide, Mrs. Lawrence, Cambridge, Wis., $5.
Estrem, Mrs. Joseph, Decorah, Iowa, $14.
Grinnell, Wendell, B., Tyler, Minn., $5.
Hagen, Otto, Lawton, No. Dak., $12.
Harris, Mrs. Fred, Stanley, Wis., $10.
Hauge, O. Elias, Madison, Minn., $2.
Hill, Andrew, Arnegard, No. Dak., $1.50
Hoffman, Anna, Makoti, No. Dak., $8.
Holden, Otto, St. James, Minn., $13.50
Holland, Mrs. Eric, Story City, Iowa, $36.50
Holm, Miss Mabell, Arkdale, Wis., $25.
Husby, Mrs. T. E., Forest City, Iowa, $3.
Johnson, Walter L., Waukon, Iowa, $8.
Killian, William, Flandreau, So. Dak., $5.
Kirkegaard, Dr. C. S., Estherville, Iowa, $10.
Knutson, Mrs. Josephine, Cooperstown, No. Dak., $5.
Knutson, Orrie, Oslo, Minn., $5.
Larson, Verdale, Houston, Minn., $5.
Lebakken, Albert, Forman, No. Dak., $25.
Lee, John, Radcliffe, Iowa, $14.
Lindall, Mrs. Roy, Madison, Minn., $13.
Lund, Mrs. Carl T., Trail, Minn., $40.
Melbo, Sigurd, Trail, Minn., $10.
Melstad, Martin, Arlington, So. Dak., $15.
Molgard, Sr., A. G., Fargo, No. Dak., $5.
Monson, Frank, Makoti, No. Dak., $28.
Nellermoe, A., Christine, No. Dak., $2.
Nelson, Mrs. Algot, Madelia, Minn., $105.
Nelson, Mrs. William, Spicer, Minn., $17.
Newberry, Mrs. Charles, Kenyon, Minn., $9.
Norheim, Julia, Maddock, No. Dak., $18.
Nyhus, Thorvald, Vining, Minn., $5.
Ogren, Mrs. Martin, Appleton, Minn., $10.
O'Leary, Mrs. William, Edgerton, Wis., $2.50
Olfson, Mrs. Bertha, Woonsocket, So. Dak., $15.
Olson, John A., Litchville, No. Dak., $5.
Olson, Mrs. Lena, Appleton, Minn., $5.
Olson Lawrence, Sioux City, Iowa, $39.32
Olson, Mrs. Maira, Milton, No. Dak., $5.
Olson, Mrs. Oscar, Appleton, Minn., $3.
Ostby, Ole, Flandreau, So. Dak., $2.
Ostmo, Gustav J., Joice, Iowa, $38.
Peterson, Mrs. Cora, Centerville, So. Dak., $1.
Peterson, Sandra, Arlington, So. Dak., $8.
Ragnar, Swen, St. Croix Falls, Wis., $25.
Rigg, Clarence, Osnabrock, No. Dak., $16.
Sampson, Mrs. John, Radcliffe, Iowa, $27.50
Sanders, John, Perley, Minn., $10.
Schaffran, Baby, Revere, Minn., $5.
Schoenberger, John, Detroit Lakes, Minn., $3.
Severson, Mrs. Anna, Barneveld, Wis., $5.
Sjorbotten, Mrs. Alfred, Kindred, No. Dak., $53.50
Sola, Carolyn, Northwood, Iowa, $29.
Sorte, Burdeen, Madison, Minn., $4.
Stensby, Carl, Clontarf, Minn., $1.
Strom, Hans C., Franklin, Minn., $7.
Stromswold, Mrs. H. O., Appleton, Minn., $3.
Sween, Mrs. Enger G., Cottonwood, Minn., $30.
Thompson, Mrs. Elsie, McFarland, Wis., $100.
Thompson, Peter, Stanley, Wis., $5.
Thorson, Cyrus, Radcliffe, Iowa, $16.
Waldum, Miss Carrie, Appleton, Minn., $7.
Wogstad, Donald, Northwood, Iowa, $9.

From June 20 through 24, 1955

Ahre, Mrs. Olga, Longmont, Colo., $33.50
Amundson, Boyd, Enderlin, No. Dak., $14.
Anderson, Ole, Sand Creek, Wis., $25.
Bang, Mrs. Sever, Ada, Minn., $5.
Benson, August, Twin Valley, Minn., $9.
Berg, Mrs. Ludwig, Montevideo, Minn., $15.
Binneweis, Mattie, Clinton, Wis., $47.
Bjorngjeld, Olaus, Columbus, No. Dak., $5.
Borgeson, Emil, Park River, No. Dak., $5.
Brown, Emma Vilomina, Sargeant, Minn., $19.
Christianson, Mrs. Anna, Madison, So. Dak., $3.
Christianson, Mrs. Manford, Dawson, Minn., $59.
Christoferson, Joyce, Sand Creek, Wis., $7.
Christopherson, Mrs. Josephine, Carson, So. Dak., $1.
Davis, Percy, Sand Creek, Wis., $8.
Deas, Angeline, Sand Creek, Wis., $15.
Ellefson, Leif, Sand Creek, Wis., $62.
Erickson, Edward A., Barron, Wis., $12.
Frederickson, Henry, Windom, Minn., $5.
Gall, William, San Francisco, Calif., $2.50
Gehler, Paul, Sand Creek, Wis., $35.50
Hannula, Ed., Minneapolis, Minn., $4.
Hanson, Sever, Sand Creek, Wis., $76.
Hartland, Mrs. Nick, Fairview, So. Dak., $5.
Helgeson, Orlando, Sand Creek, Wis., $24.
Holida, Matt, Naples, So. Dak., $4.
Holmen, S. A., Windom, Minn., $68.
Hoven, Joanne, Zumbrota, Minn., $44.
Howe, Olaf, Forest City, Iowa, $8.
Husby, Mrs. Theo., Renwick, Iowa, $1.
Iverson, John, Columbus, No. Dak., $15.
Johnson, Mrs. Arthur, Hector, Minn., $22.
Johnson, Mrs. Carl O., Rutland, No. Dak., $2.
Johnson, Haagen, Velva, No. Dak., $2.50
Johnson, Johanna, Irene, So. Dak., $5.
Johnson, Lars, Scarville, Iowa, $1.
Knutson, Charles A., Centerville, So. Dak., $5.
Kostella, Threse, Longmont, Colo., $25.
Larson, Mrs. Southwick, Kensett, Iowa, $19.
Leed, Mrs. Thora, Tacoma, Wash., $10.
Lein, Theodore, Nygard, Mrs. Henry, Hawkins, Wis., $6.
Lemon, Charles, Lakefield, Minn., $10.
Lerdal, Carrie, Renwick, Iowa, $5.
Moseng, Jens, Montevideo, Minn., $14.
Mostrom, Melvin, Kensett, Iowa, $21.
Neilsen, Scott, Newcastle, Nebr., $14.
Nelson, Mrs. Johanna, Albert Lea, Minn., $20.
Ohlson, Ole J., Westbrook, Minn., $5.

Olson, Tobias, Almont, No. Dak., $6.
Peterson, O. M., Goodridge, Minn., $16.
Peterson, Willie Theodor, Clinton, Wis., $10.
Platts, Mrs. Cecil, Hanlowtown, Iowa, $17.
Richardson, Anfin, Huxley, Iowa, $15.
Rogness, Mrs. Nora, Madison, So. Dak., $39.
Ruud, Mrs. Hans, McGrath, Minn., $18.
Sampson, Julius, Bromhead, Sask., Canada, $5.
Skow, Mrs. Lawrence, Brandt, So. Dak., $45.
Smith, O. L., Wegdahl, Minn., $2.50
Thompson, Ingvald, Sand Creek, Wis., $82.50
Ulvestad, Mrs. Bertha, De Forest, Wis., $8.

From June 27 through July 1, 1955

Aase, Mrs. T., Duluth, Minn., $7.60
Andersen, George, San Pedro, Calif., $30.
Anderson, Carl J., Beach, No. Dak., $3.
Baalson, Henry E., Belgrade, Minn., $13.
Bakke, Ivar, LaSalle, Minn., $5.
Bakken, Connie Rae, Wahpeton, No. Dak., $2.
Bakken, Mrs. Lewis, Rushford, Minn., $2.
Bertilson, Simon, Marvin, So. Dak., $1.
Boness, Edwin, Saum, Minn., $10.
Borgerson, Mrs., Duluth, Minn., $10.
Botten, Mathilda, Souris, No. Dak., $5.
Christensen, Chas., New Era, Mich., $3.
Christianson, Martin, Rushford, Minn., $13.
Christopherson, Henry C., Granite Falls, Minn., $.50
Coffey, Susan Mae, Lake Mills, Iowa, $6.50
Daffinrud, Mrs. Carl, Coon Valley, Wis., $12.
Edal, Mrs. Johanna Olson, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., $7.
Elleby, Chris, Morris, Ill., $2.
Fenney, Mrs. Gilbert, Utica, Minn., $1.
Gentz, Emma, Glenwood, Minn., $15.
Gilbertson, Ritchy, Montevideo, Minn., $5.
Goulson, Mrs. Oscar, Montevideo, Minn., $78.
Graff, Mrs. B. A., Mekinock, No. Dak., $8.
Grotte, Olga, Northwood, No. Dak., $1.
Gunderson, Peter M., Minneapolis, Minn., $5.
Halvorson, Haakon, Aberdeen, Wash, $10.
Halverson, Leslie, Leland, Ill., $23.
Helland, Mrs. Inga, Beltrami, Minn., $2.
Hensrud, Mrs. Bernt, Mekinock, No. Dak., $10.
Hill, Jess, Leland, Ill., $2.
Ihlen, Otto, Webster, S. D., $25.
Imocoven, Roy, Britton, S. D., $2.
Iverson, Ole, Lake Preston, S. D., $3.
Jacobson, Mrs. Ole, Dows, Iowa, $40.50
Johnson, Mrs. J. M., Leland, Ill., $16.
Johnson, Mrs. Peter, Clear Lake, Wis., $22.
Johnson, Mrs. Richard, Lake Preston, S. D. $8.
Johnson, William, Starbuck, Minn., $31.50
Lewis, Albert, New Era, Mich., $3.
Lugg, Mrs. Chas. Lyle, Minn., $40.
Maukstad, George, Colfax, Wis., $10.
Molness, John, Morris, Ill., $4.
Nelson, Mrs. Bertha, Duluth, Minn., $8.
Nelson, James C., Lake Park, Minn., $4.
Nesdahl, Rasmus, Cottonwood, Minn., $7.
Nielsen, Mrs. Marvin, Clear Lake, Iowa, $15.
Nokleby, Henry, Fergus Falls, Minn., $100.
Olson, Mrs. Rapidan, Minn., $36.
Olson, R. E., Brookings, So. Dak., $3.
Olson, Mrs. Ralph, Colton, So. Dak., $52.
Overby, Mrs. I. H., Wahpeton, No. Dak., $3.
Overland, Peter, St. Paul, Minn., $15.
Pederson, C. W., Garretson, So. Dak., $7.
Quernemoen, John, Fergus Falls, Minn., $18.
Rodsater, Rev. Theodore A., Sioux Falls, So. Dak., $3.
Sand, Tobias, Hendricks, Minn., $4.
Sata, Sever, Delhi, Minn., $2.
Schendel, Mrs. Emma, Beltrami, Minn., $3.
Severson, Anna, Barneveld, Wis., $26.
Simonson, Cpl. Ernest, Viroqua, Wis., $2.
Solvie, E. J., Cyrus, Minn., $42.
Sonne, Adolph, Letcher, So. Dak., $6.
Stovern, Mrs. John, Clear Lake, Wis., $2.
Sunderlund, Henry, Park River, No. Dak., $1.
Thorson, Mrs. Grace, Kanawha, Iowa, $21.
Vernlund, Norman, Toronto, So. Dak., $4.
Viker, Lafe, Halstad, Minn., $7.
Wallen, Mrs. Orville, Clarkfield, Minn., $2.
Wilson, A. J., Emmons, Minn., $3.
Winsor, William, Lake Preston, So. Dak., $11.
Zemke, Martha, Glenwood, Minn., $20.

July 5 through 8, 1955

Amundson, Lewis, Gary, Minn., $7.
Anderson, John A., Whalan, Minn., $3.
Aslakson, Mrs. S. A., Canby, Minn., $16.
Ask, John, Truman, Minn., $13.
Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. J., Mt. Horeb, Wis., $15.
Bell, James, Hayti, So. Dak., $1.
Berge, Mrs. Trina, Northwood, Iowa, $5.
Borgeson, Emil, Park River, No. Dak., $3.
Brevik, Mrs. Marie, Canby, Minn., $16.
Bruflat, Christian, Mt. Horeb, Wis., $200.
Brunsvold, Mrs. Thea, Hanlontown, Iowa, $27.
Elden, Ole, Oslo, Minn., $10.
Forsell, Paul, Twin Valley, Minn., $3.
Goltz, Mrs. Bernie, Stoughton, Wis., $5.
Hanson, Martin, Chatfield, Minn., $1.
Haslerud, Mrs Robert, Whalan, Minn., $17.
Hassenstab, Mrs. Mollie, Redwood Falls, Minn., $50.

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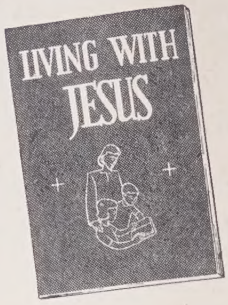

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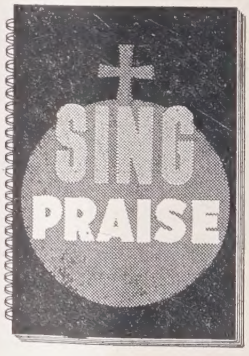

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